

OACES Newsletter

Winter 2006

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Notes from the President

Lynne Guillot Miller, Ph.D.

OACES 2005-2006 President

Happy Holidays!

As we near the beginning of a new year and new semester, I hope you are taking this time to relax and reflect on past events as well as setting goals and making plans for the upcoming year or semester.

OACES has had a lot of noteworthy events this past semester. At the public hearing held on November 18th, the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, & Marriage and Family Therapist Board voted to pull the rule that would change the licensure exam structure from requiring one exam to two exams. This will allow further research and discussion to take place in order to determine the most suitable course of action regarding the licensure exam. The board also voted to allow those who had already passed the current

licensure exam to be exempt from taking a new exam if it is decided that a new exam or exam structure is deemed more suitable in the future. For more information see the story on page 2.

Other noteworthy events include the updating of our listserv by Darcy Haag Granello to allow for increased communication and information sharing between formal meetings. Dr. Steve Rainey headed a committee to revise our current bylaws. The proposed changes will be presented at our Winter meeting. And last but not least a few of our colleagues gave of their time and talents to help those in need by volunteering in the Gulf Coast region to aid Hurricane survivors. Their stories will be highlighted in the Winter edition of the OCA

Newsletter.

As we look to the months ahead there are many events planned. Please be sure to register for the OACES Winter Meeting (see below). This meeting will include lunch so we will need a more accurate count than in the past. Our Supervision Summit will be held on April 28th. Please take time to submit a proposal and encourage students to submit proposals. You may also want to take time to honor your colleagues by nominating them for an award to be presented at the luncheon on the day of the Summit.

I wish you all the best and look forward to a prosperous new year and semester.

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OACES Winter Meeting Information

The OACES Winter Meeting will be on Friday, February 17, 2006 at the Holiday Inn & Suites in Columbus, Ohio from 10:00 am. to 2:00 pm. Registration will begin at 9:30 am. The Ohio Counseling Association is co-sponsoring this meeting and providing four (4) CEUs. Registration forms are located on page 4 and must be returned by FEBRUARY 10, 2006. The registration fee is \$30.00 and includes lunch and CEUs. Please make checks payable to OACES. The Holiday Inn, Columbus Airport, is located at 750 Stelzer Road, Columbus, OH 43219.

In addition to a brief business meeting, topics and activities include:

- 1) An update on the state of Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage & Family Therapist Board provided by Jim Rough, Executive Director
- 2) Additional information on the Supervision Summit and OACES award nominations
- 3) Introduction of Bylaw Amendments to be voted on at the Supervision Summit
- 4) A panel of students and supervisees that will provide information regarding their needs and wants





Call For OACES Award Nominations

OACES would like to formally honor counselor educators and supervisors with well deserved awards. Four (4) collated copies of the entire nomination packet (i.e., cover letter from nominator, supporting data, and at least two letters of recommendation) must be postmarked by MARCH 15, 2006. Please send to: Lynne Guillot Miller, Ph.D.; Counseling and Human Development Services; 310 White Hall, PO Box 5190; Kent State University, Kent, Ohio 44242-0001.

The cover letter should include: (1) award to be considered; (2) name and all possible contact information of the nominator; (3) name and all possible contact information of the nominee; (4) a brief description of the achievement(s) or merit(s) of the nominee; plus (5) any supporting data including at least three professional letters of recommendation with at least one from a counselor educator or supervisor. Self-nominations will not be considered.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ OACES Winter Meeting, February 17, 2006, Holiday Inn & Suites Columbus Airport, Columbus, Ohio

Distinguished Professional Service Award (x2): One award to a counselor educator and one to a counselor supervisor. To honor outstanding service by a counselor educator and a counselor supervisor. Service should be to OACES and/or the cause of counselor education and supervision, which is of state level importance to the profession. The service may be in the following areas:

- education and supervisory innovation and program development;
- standards implementation and licensing;
- pre-service or in-service supervisory practices;
- continuing education and professional development for counselors;
- advancement of the cause of counseling in society at large through such means as public media or political action.

- ◆ American Counseling Association 2006 Annual Convention, March 30–April 3, 2006, Montreal, Quebec Canada

Distinguished Mentor Award: The OACES Distinguished Mentor Award honors an individual who has been a significant mentor to graduate counseling students, emerging counselor educators, supervisors, and counselors. Such a person assumes the role of coach, confidant, role model, and resource. Such a person is:

- caring, genuine and sincere, empathic, accessible, and culturally sensitive;
- possessing and sharing knowledge, skills, and talents valued by protégés;
- able to facilitate and support the realization of personal and career goals of those mentored;
- committed to the profession of counselor education and counseling and advocating a strong professional counselor identity
- an active member of OACES for at least three years.

- ◆ OACES Supervision Summit, April 28, 2006, Concourse Hotel, Columbus Airport

Distinguished Graduate Student Award: The OACES Distinguished Graduate Student Award honors a master's or doctoral level student in counseling. This student excels in one or more of the following areas:

- practices that contribute to their development as an emerging leader;
- active in research, teaching service, and/or clinical work that benefits the counseling profession;
- caring as a person, genuine and sincere, empathic, accessible, and culturally sensitive;
- committed to the profession of counselor education and counseling and advocating a strong professional counselor identity;
- active membership in OACES.

Supervision Summit Call for Program

The theme of this year's OACES Supervision Summit is "Counselor Supervision: Effecting Change in Students and Supervisees." We welcome programs that address one of the following:

- Basic concepts of supervision dealing with theory and practice
- Advanced concepts of supervision rooted in original research or unique theory
- Ethical issues in supervision

Programs will be offered in time slots of 50 minutes, with 10 minute breaks between programs.

We are looking forward to a beneficial and exciting conference. If you have any questions about program submission, feel free to contact Lynne Guillot Miller, Ph.D. at 330-672-0697 or lguillot@kent.edu.

Submission Instructions

Submit program proposals and curriculum vitae of all presenters to Lynne Guillot Miller, Ph.D.; Counseling and Human Development

Services; 310 White Hall, PO Box 5190, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio 44242-0001.

Deadline: March 15, 2006

Proposal Format

Chairperson (Contact Person): provide complete contact information for the program chairperson including name, institutional affiliation, primary mailing address, day and evening phone numbers, fax number, and primary e-mail address.

Co-presenters: Provide complete contact information for each co-presenter including: name, institutional affiliation, primary mailing address, day and evening phone numbers, fax number and primary e-mail address.

Program Title: Your title should clearly and accurately describe the focus of your **presentation**.

Program Summary: In 50 words or less describe your presentation. This will be the de-

scription used in the conference program.

Program Description: Provide a 200 word (maximum) synopsis of your program that includes the following:

- a summary of the information, technique, theory, or research to be presented;
- the type of presentation (lecture, discussion, cooperative learning groups, etc.); and
- a description of any accompanying audiovisual materials including handouts, CD-ROMS, website resources, reference lists, etc.

Conference Theme

Briefly describe how your presentation fits with this year's conference theme "Counselor Supervision: Effecting: Change in Students and Supervisees." Also, indicate which of the following formats your presentation will address:

- Basic concepts of supervision
- Advanced concepts of supervision
- Ethical issues in supervision

Testimony Provided to Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage & Family Therapist Board

By Lynne Guillot Miller

On November 18, 2005 I provided testimony on behalf of OACES regarding the proposed change to the counselor licensure exam structure. It was proposed that the on January 1, 2006 the now one-tiered licensure exam (PCLE) would move to a two-tiered licensure exam with a plan to use the NBCC NCE exam for PC applicants and the NCMHCE for PCC applicants. It was also proposed that PCs who had taken the existing PCLE examination would have until 12/31/2007 to complete their 3000 hours of supervision and apply for the PCC license without the requirement to take the NCMHCE. I, along with Dana Heller-Levitt who represented OCA, testified against this proposed change. Our concerns included the lack of evidence that supported the idea that this move would better protect the public receiving counseling services in Ohio, if this would move would decrease the number of independently licensed counselors (PCCs) practicing in Ohio, the lack of reliability and validity provided for the test, whether the test was culturally fair, and whether someone who was accruing hours part-time could realistically meet the December 31, 2007 deadline.

At the end of the public meeting Susan Huss, chair of the Counselor Professional Standards Committee, made the motion and the board voted that the proposal be withdrawn for further research and discussion. Susan also made a motion to grandfather in those who had completed the current exam (PCLE) if with further research it is deemed suitable to change to a two-tiered system.

The next step includes more discussion at the Counselor Professional Standards Committee meeting on January 19, 2006 at 10:00 in Columbus. I encourage you to attend this meeting in order for OACES, OCA, and your counselor education programs to be represented and have their voices heard. The Professional Standards Committee and Jim Rough, Executive Director of the CSWMFT Board has been very open and willing to listen to our concerns.

I would like to thank all of you who contacted the Board with your concerns. Special thanks to Bill Nemecek who provided written testimony to the board, Paul Granello and Susan Sears who provided testimony at the hearing, and Carolyn Towner and Amanda Sines who tirelessly worked in preparing both Dana and me for the hearing.

OACES Winter Meeting Registration Form due February 10, 2006

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Name (Print) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Daytime Phone () _____ Evening Phone () _____ E-mail _____

Special Needs (e.g., meals, accessibility) _____

Registration fee includes lunch and four (4) CEUs.

Mail Completed Registration form with payment of \$30.00 to

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