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Approaching Grief Counseling From a Perspective of Diversity

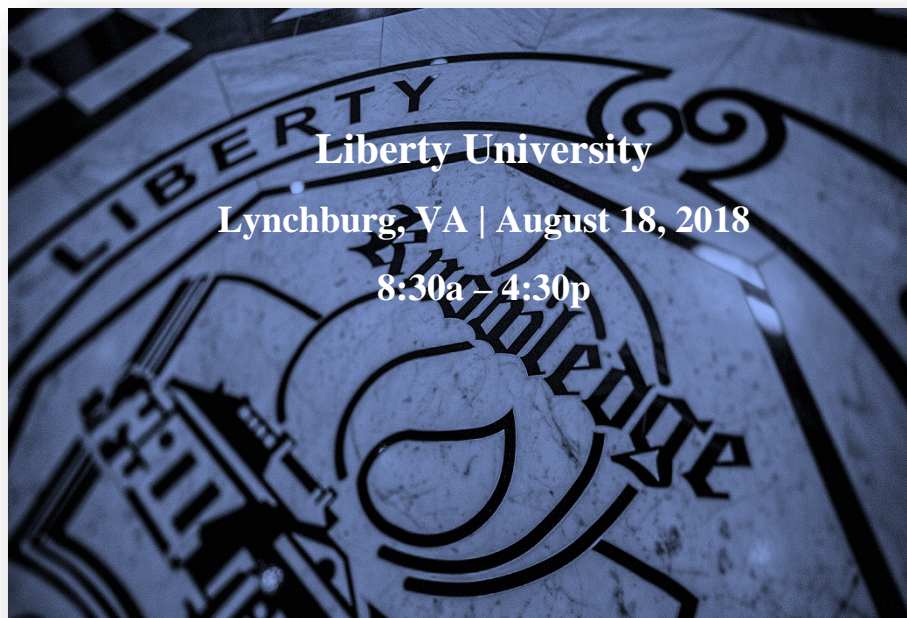
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Conference Schedule & Session Information

Saturday August 18, 2018

Registration Table Opens

8:00-8:30 AM

Location

Alumni Ballroom

8:30-9:30 AM

Welcome

Dr. Ronald Hawkins

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Kenyon Knapp

Location

Alumni Ballroom

Session 1 - 9:30-10:20 AM

Featured Session – Includes 1 CE hour

Session Name: Ethical Dilemmas? Are you appropriately following the 2014 ACA Code of Ethics?

Location: Demoss 1338

Presenter(s): Dr. Patti Hinkley

This session will review the changes made in the 2014 Code of Ethics. The presentation will cover the background to the changes made in 2014 along with pointing out the specific changes made for both counselors as well as counselor educators. The presenter was trained at the 2018 ACA Conference to provide presentations or workshops on the Code of Ethics.

Additional Presentations:

Session Name: Worrywarts: Alleviating Anxiety through School Counselor Interventions

Location: Demoss 1362

Presenter(s): Dr. Summer Kuba

If unaddressed, childhood and adolescent anxiety can have a lasting negative impact on students' social/emotional development, academic success and college/career readiness. School counselors play an integral role in addressing students' mental health needs. Through evidenced-based interventions, school counselors can effectively promote the skills and attitudes necessary to cope and even overcome childhood anxiety disorders.

Session Name: The Stages of Change and the Stages of Group Counseling

Location: Demoss 1366

Presenter(s): Dr. Karin Dumont

This program will seek to enhance' knowledge and use of the Stages of Change within each of the stages of group counseling. It will examine how to integrate appropriate Motivational Interviewing techniques within each stage of the group process.

Session Name: Getting Unstuck: Using the Conceptual Mapping Task as a Dynamic Supervision Tool for Trainees and Seasoned Counselors - Includes 1 CE hour

Location: Demoss 1368

Presenter(s): Dr. John King

The Conceptual Mapping Task (CMT) originated as a tool in qualitative counseling research. It has also been used in counseling supervision. In this session, the presenter will provide a real-life demonstration of the CMT with a supervisee, and then provide additional strategies utilizing the CMT as a counseling intervention.

Session 2 - 10:30-11:20 AM

Featured Session – Includes 1 CE hour

Session Name: The Opioid Crisis: What Counselors Need to Know

Location: Demoss 1338

Presenter(s): Dr. David Jenkins and Dr. Jonna Byars

The opioid epidemic has been declared a national emergency that resulted in nearly 50,000 opioid overdose deaths last year alone. Counselors can and should be meaningfully involved in response. This session will present current information about the opioid crisis and the addictive process generally, and then specifically focus on opioid addiction, treatment and recovery. The session will explore how counselors can effectively respond to clients who use opioids, including for pain management, and how education, prevention, and treatment are important ways counselors can respond to the opioid crisis.

Additional Presentations:

Session Name: Child Centered Play Therapy - Includes 1 CE hour

Location: Demoss 1366

Presenter(s): Dr. Christina Villarreal-Davis

This session will provide a summary of Child Centered Play Therapy and highlight the meaning of play, tenets for relating to children, child-centered theoretical concepts, therapeutic relationship, characteristics of facilitative responses, and therapeutic limit setting. This creative and informative presentation will engage participants through case examples and previously recorded sessions.

Session Name: Round Table Discussions

Time	10:30 – 10:55	11:00 – 11:25
Location	Demoss 1441	Demoss 1442
Presenter	Dr. Deborah Braboy	Ms. LaShanta Smith
Session Name	Approaching Grief Counseling From a Perspective of Diversity	Mindfulness in the Classroom
Synopsis	Understanding how society, race, culture, age, and developmental levels impact grief is key to being able to process grief and loss in a healthy manner. Contemporary grief models give clinicians a roadmap to assist them as they walk with their clients through their grief journey.	This presentation will provide a brief overview of how mindfulness improves the function of the brain in ways that can improve concentration, awareness, and self-regulation. We will discuss how to apply mindfulness in the classroom.

Session Name: Using Hofstede’s Axes of Cultural Values as a New Way of Understanding Culturally Diverse Clients

Location: 1362

Presenter(s): Dr. Jerry Vuncannon and Dr. Angelia Dickens

Today’s multicultural focus utilizes many prescriptive approaches based on cultural groups and client preferences. However, these approaches may not account for individual differences within these groups. This presentation will introduce Hofstede’s Axes of Cultural Values which empower therapists, supervisors, and educators to understand culturally diverse clients in a new way.

Session 3 - 11:30-12:20 PM

Featured Session – Includes 1 CE hour

Session Name: Addressing Crisis in K-12 Schools

Location: Demoss 1338

Presenter(s): Dr. Rita Schellenberg, Dr. Justin Silvey, and Mrs. Kerry Bowles

The session will provide research-supported information needed to identify and respond appropriately to the needs of minors in crisis situations prevailing in our schools today such as self-harm (including eating disorders), suicide, and homicide ideation. Case studies will engage participants in interactive discussions that include ethical, legal, cultural, and professional aspects of decision making.

Additional Presentations:

Session Name Technology, Counseling, and the Autism Spectrum: Using Tech to Promote Growth and Healing with Autism Spectrum Clients - Includes 1 CE hour

Location: Demoss 1366

Presenter(s): Dr. Kevin Hull

Autism spectrum clients in counseling are challenging due to limitations in perspective taking as well as emotional/cognitive delays. Many autism spectrum clients use technology as a way to feel safe and relate to the world around them. Computer/tablet/video games have rich metaphors and themes that can help these young people understand themselves and the world around them and can be used to enhance self-representation and social, emotional, and cognitive growth.

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Location	Demoss 1441	Demoss 1442
Presenter	Dr. Arleezah Marrah and Mrs. Brandi Chamberlin	Mr. Ethan Zehr, and Dr. Mike Takacs
Session Name	Courageous Conversations: Cultural Humility - Being Comfortable with the Uncomfortable	Internet Pornography Use: When is it Problematic, Helpful, or Educational for Clients?
Synopsis	This round table discussion will be a courageous conversation for counselors, counselor educators, site supervisors, and graduate students. How can we be comfortable having uncomfortable conversations? This round table will explore the topic of cultural humility in the counseling relationship.	Internet Pornography is accessible across the world in a free and anonymous manner. Therefore, this roundtable discussion will focus on Internet Pornography Use (IPU) in clients. The concepts of IPU being problematic, helpful, or educational will be explored. Lastly, clinical assessment and treatment methods will be discussed.

Session Name: Confronting Underserved Mental Health Needs of Rural Communities through Collaborative Efforts

Location: Demoss 1362

Presenter(s): Dr. Sonya Cheyne

Mental health needs in rural communities often are unmet or underserved. Accessibility, availability, and acceptability serve as resource barriers. A pilot model from one rural community acting to respond to mental health needs will be presented. Integrative collaboration of community resources and initiatives will be explored and processed by attendees.

12:30-1:00 PM

LUNCH

Location: Alumni Ballroom

1:00-1:30 PM

Poster Sessions

Location: Alumni Ballroom

Location	Presenter	Poster Name
1	Dr. Denise Daniel	The Structured Life Review Tool for Reminiscence Therapy with Depressed Older Adults
2	Dr. Brad Imhoff	Cognitive Behavioral Understanding of Social Anxiety Disorder: Treatment & Interventions
3	Dr. Sally Goh, Junghee Trexler, Dr. Joy Mwendwa, Deepa Emmanuel	The Impact of Mentoring on the Wellness and the Development of a Professional Counselor Identity in International Students.
4	Dr. Kristy Ford	Religious Sensitivity in Mindfulness Practice: Adaptations for Christian Clients

Session 4 - 1:40-2:30 PM

Featured Session – Includes 1 CE hour

Session Name: Ethical and Legal Issues: Working with minors with trauma

Location: Demoss 1338

Presenter(s): Dr. Robin Switzer

Review of the particular ethical and legal issues that can arise for counselors when working with minors with trauma. Includes scenarios experienced and strategies to avoid pitfalls of reporting, legal cases, techniques, documentation and expectations of treatment.

Additional Presentations:

Session Name: Modeling Group Leadership Skills in Classroom Guidance and/or Class Discussion

Location: Demoss 1362

Presenter(s): Dr. Justin Silvey, Dr. Rita Schellenberg, and Mrs. Kerry Bowles

The purpose of this session is to define and explore the use of group leadership skills as a way to engage students in both classroom guidance as a school counselor and/or classroom discussions as a counselor educator. Participants will learn to recognize and reflect on their use of various group leadership skills.

Session Name: Integrating Motivational Interviewing into Counseling Techniques and the Helping Relationship - Includes 1 CE hour

Location: Demoss 1366

Presenter(s): Dr. Karin Dumont

This program will provide a demonstration of how to integrate Motivational Interviewing techniques into the use of the helping Skills of active listening, paraphrasing, reflection of feelings, reflection of meaning, and summarizing. Through the use of both didactic and experiential learning, attendees will apply these techniques effectively in the process of counseling.

Session Name: To Publish or Perish: What Faculty Need to Know About Scholarly Activity – Panel Discussion

Location: Demoss 1368

Presenter(s): Mrs. Brandi Chamberlin, Dr. Jeff Boatner, Dr. David Brown, Dr. Nivischi Edwards, Dr. Kevin Hull, Dr. Robyn Simmons, Dr. Kevin Van Wynsberg

This session will feature a panel presentation to include Counselor Education and Family Studies leadership, published faculty, and counseling journal editorial board members. The topic will be on the expectations for faculty and tips for successful (unsuccessful) manuscript submissions

Session 5 - 2:40-3:30 PM

Featured Session

Featured Session – Includes 1 CE hour

Session Name: Collaborative Care: Coordinating Services with Community Partners to Promote Client Wellness

Location: Demoss 1338

Presenter(s): Dr. Holly Johnson and Dr. Jeff Boatner

Research reveals that extra-therapeutic factors can contribute significantly to the wellness and stability of clients. Yet, many counselors have little experience or training in linking clients with supportive services in their community. This presentation provides attendees with information and strategies to promote a collaborative, multi-culturally sensitive approach to client wellness.

Additional Presentations:

Session Name: Successful College Transition: Supporting Students with Learning Differences

Location: Demoss 1362

Presenter(s): Dr. Laura Daniel

The purpose of this presentation is to provide information on support strategies to ensure high school seniors with diagnosed learning differences have a successful transition to the college setting. Information will include helping students to secure academic and mental health support, and ways to advocate for students beyond high school.

Session Name: Online Social Relationships: Ethical Considerations for Counselors - Includes 1 CE hour

Location: Demoss 1366

Presenter(s): Dr. David Brown

With the increasing popularity of social media, it is imperative that counselors understand the outcomes of relying heavily on the Internet for social connectedness. This program will review online vs. in-person relationships, consider social media's influence on well-being and relationships, and discuss the role of social media and therapy.

Session Name: Collaborative, creative, and diversity celebrating case conceptualization: Working with counsees to map the journey ahead.

Location: Demoss 1368

Presenter(s): Dr. Lisa Sosin

Comprehensive assessment and treatment planning are the foundation of ethical and effective counseling (Sperry, 2012) and require sensitivity to counselee's personal and cultural contexts (ACA Code of Ethics, 2014). In this presentation, attendees learn a creative way to conceptualize and plan the therapeutic journey that is collaborative and richly meaningful.

Session 6 - 3:40-4:30 PM

Featured Session

Featured Session – Includes 1 CE hour

Session Name: Clinical Supervision: Theory and Practice of Counselor Supervision

Location: Demoss 1338

Presenter(s): Dr. Steve Johnson and Dr. Melvin Pride

The session is designed to enlist, inform, and encourage clinical supervisors in their pursuit of ongoing competency development in supervising the next generation of professional counselors. This is particularly relevant for new site supervisors, faculty members who teach Practicum and Internship classes, and counselors who may be interested in becoming a site supervisor with Liberty University. Clinical Site Supervisors are expected to keep abreast with current topics related to ethics, legal and cultural issues, counseling related skills and professional development. This session offers resources for these topics along with some of the key supervision theoretical orientations that provide guidance in the supervisory process.

Additional Presentations:

Session Name: The Complexity of Treating Eating Disorders - Includes 1 CE hour

Location: Demoss 1366

Presenter(s): Dr. Andrea Barbian-Shimberg

This session will examine eating disorders and their DSM diagnostic criteria, the etiology of eating disorders, various evidence based practices for treating eating disorders and their comorbidities, as well as understanding the importance of the therapeutic alliance in therapy.

Session Name: Effective School Counseling Teams: Identifying Strengths

Location: Demoss 1362

Presenter(s): Dr. Stacey Lilley

Despite much attention given to effective teams in the workplace, school counseling teams have been neglected in the research. Current literature will be reviewed as well as practical application to increase team effectiveness will be discussed. Effective individual counseling traits, and desired team characteristics will be explored.

Session Name: Military Spouses: Heroes Who Also Serve

Location: Demoss 1368

Presenter(s): Dr. Nivischi Edwards and Markeitha Christian

Military personnel deploy often and leave their spouses at home. These spouses often navigate multiple challenges. As a result, they too become American Heroes as they serve with the military personnel. Join us in this presentation as we discuss aspects of being a military spouse and here personal stories from those who have serve along with their spouse.

Summary Schedule

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Welcome and Keynote Presenter Biographies

Welcome address:

Ronald Hawkins

Dr. Hawkins came to Liberty in 1978 as a Professor teaching Bible and Homiletics. He soon became Chairman of the Department of Church Ministries. He started the Masters of Counseling program which has become one of Liberty's largest online and residential programs.

He served as Dean of the Seminary, and then Dr. Hawkins went west to become President of Western Seminary and later was Associate Pastor at Grand Rapids Church in Michigan with Ed Dobson. He returned to Liberty in 2000 to be Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and in 2006 joined the Provost's Office and worked especially on the development of Liberty's online program with Dr. Ronald Godwin and the development of many programs in the residential university.

Dr. Hawkins has written extensively in the area of marriage and Biblical counseling, he has been married to his wife Peg for 52 years, and they have 4 children. He has 9 grandchildren, two of whom are presently enrolled at Liberty University. He is presently serving as Provost and Founding Dean of School of Behavioral Sciences.

Dr. Hawkins received a B.A. from Barrington College, a M.Div. from Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary, a D.Min. from Westminster Theological Seminary, an Education Specialists degree from Lynchburg College, and an Ed.D. from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. He is an avid fisherman and hunter and enjoys walking and running

Keynote address:

Kenyon Knapp

Dr. Kenyon Knapp serves as the dean of the School of Behavioral Sciences. The school is one of the largest of Liberty's 17 schools and colleges and offers graduate and undergraduate programs in counseling, psychology, and social work.

Knapp received his Ph.D. in Counselor Education from the University of Mississippi. He comes to Liberty after having served on the faculty of Mercer University for the past 9 years. Knapp has been actively involved in teaching as well as providing leadership to the counseling profession through his membership on the board of directors of CACREP, the national accrediting body for counselor education programs.

He has maintained a part-time private practice for over 20 years. He has served on the Georgia Statewide Task Force on Human Trafficking, led counselor training initiatives on crisis counseling in Haiti, Uganda, and Israel, and participated in mission outreaches to places like Colombia and Puerto Rico

Presenters' Biographies

Andrea Barbian-Shimberg

Dr. Andrea Barbian-Shimberg earned her Ph.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision from University of the Carolinas and her M.A. in Professional Counseling from Liberty University. She is a Licensed Professional Counselor in North Carolina and a National Certified Counselor (NCC). She has over 9 years of experience in the mental health field. Dr. Barbian-Shimberg has over 3 years of experience in the field of eating disorders and has worked in residential, partial hospitalization, and outpatient settings. Dr. Barbian-Shimberg has research interests related to counselor education and supervision, eating disorders, and first responders. Additionally, Dr. Barbian-Shimberg is a member of many professional organizations and associations.

Deborah Braboy

Dr. Deborah Braboy is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Counselor Education and Family Studies for Liberty University. She has been a Licensed Professional Counselor-Supervisor for over 15 years in both Arkansas and Oklahoma. She has her certification to utilize Distance Counseling with clients in Arkansas. She is also a Nationally Certified Counselor. Her areas of research interest include grief, loss, and trauma and using the Enneagram in supervision with her supervisees.

Jeff Boatner

Dr. Jeffrey Boatner serves as a core faculty member with the Department of Counselor Education and Family Studies at Liberty University. Dr. Boatner received his Ph.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision from Liberty University. He is a Nationally Certified Counselor, and a Licensed Professional Counselor and licensed Marriage and Family Therapist in the state of Virginia, where he is also registered to provide clinical supervision. He has over 10 years of clinical experience working in a wide range of settings with diverse client populations.

Kerry Bowles

Kerry Bowles serves as Assistant Professor and Clinical Director for Liberty University in the M.Ed. in School Counseling Program. Prior to joining the residential faculty, she worked as a school counselor in Central Virginia for fourteen years, serving both the elementary and secondary school levels. Kerry is a licensed School Counselor (preK-12). She has over ten years of experience serving as a site supervisor for master's level school counseling students. In addition, Kerry Bowles has presented at several conferences at the state and regional levels, including: Virginia Counseling Association (VCA), Virginia School Counseling Association (VSCA), and Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI).

David Brown

Dr. David Brown is an Associate Professor and core faculty member in the Department of Counselor Education & Family Studies at Liberty University. Dr. Brown earned his M.A. in Counseling from Cincinnati Christian University and Ph.D. in Counselor Education & Supervision from Auburn University. Dr. Brown is a National Certified Counselor and is licensed in Ohio as a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor-Supervisor and as a Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor. Dr. Brown is professionally active in several regional and national counseling organizations, and he has served on the Board of Directors for the Greater Cincinnati Counseling Association since 2009.

Jonna Byars

Dr. Byars is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Counselor Education and Family Studies at Liberty University. She is a Licensed Professional Counselor and Board Certified Counselor with over 15 years experience teaching counseling classes and clinical work. She specializes in addictive disorders, and adolescent and women's issues. She has spoken on addiction and women's issues in a wide variety of contexts including civic, religious and academic settings. She has conducted research on women's issues and addictive disorders.

Brandi Chamberlin

Brandi Chamberlin is the Online Chair for the Professional Counseling program at Liberty University. She is a doctoral candidate in Counselor Education and Supervision at Liberty University and received a Masters of Arts in Counseling in 2004 from Cincinnati Christian University. She has worked in many clinical settings including intensive in-home therapy, drug and alcohol rehabilitation, the geriatric psychiatric unit, the adult psychiatric unit as well as group and family work with individuals and families dealing with substance abuse issues. Her primary research interests are counselor identity, attachment, career, and trauma.

Sonya Cheyne

Dr. Sonya Cheyne is an Assistant Professor in the Center for Counseling and Family Studies at Liberty University and has a private counseling practice in West Texas. She provides trainings and workshops, presents nationally and internationally, develops curricula, and is a national and international presenter. Her professional credentials include Licensed Professional Counselor and Licensed Professional Counselor Supervisor in Texas, National Certified Counselor, Certified Parent Trainer, Animal-Assisted Therapist, and Diplomate Clinician in Viktor Frankl's Logotherapy. Specializations have included children, adolescent, and family counseling, child abuse and foster care, adoption and attachment, at-risk and offender populations, crisis intervention and debriefing, substance abuse and addictions, the search for meaning and purpose, and serving as an expert witness in the courts. She is a member of professional organizations. She has active memberships in professional organizations and maintains professional development.

Markeitha Christian

Markeitha is a current Graduate student at Liberty University MFT program. She is a US Navy Veteran and spent 14 years Active Duty; seven of those years as a Naval Counselor.

Denise Daniel

Dr. Daniel has a clinical practice background specializing in group counseling and women's issues. Her research has centered on online group counseling dynamics and the development of cognitive complexity in counseling students. Dr. Daniel has presented at regional conferences on creative methods in group counseling and cognitive complexity development in counseling students. Currently, Dr. Daniel teaches group counseling, ethics and gerontological counseling at Liberty University.

Laura Daniel

Dr. Laura Daniel is an Assistant Professor of Counseling within the Department of Counselor Education and Family Studies. She is a Licensed Professional Counselor (VA) with clinical experience in supporting adults, adolescents, and families across of a variety of settings such as community mental health centers, non-profit domestic violence agencies, public and private high schools, and college counseling centers. Most recently, she has provided academic support to students with diagnosed learning differences. Her research interests include the integration of religion and spirituality to counseling practice, family counseling, and counseling supervision.

Angelia Dickens

Dr. Angelia Dickens is a Licensed Professional Counselor in Virginia, a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist in Virginia, a National Certified Counselor (NCC) and an Approved Clinical Supervisor (ACS). Dr. Dickens has worked as a counselor educator since 2010. She has over 15 years of clinical experience providing children, adolescents, and adults counseling concerning mental health, marriage and family, and addictions issues in community, military, and private practice settings. Dr. Dickens' research interests are in military/veteran issues, police/fire/first responder issues, pre-marital/marital work, and effective practices in counselor education and supervision.

Karin Dumont

Dr. Dumont has specialized in addiction counseling and clinical community mental health counseling. She has taught in the Graduate Counseling Program at Liberty University for 10 years. Dr. Dumont has played an instrumental part in the development of the Master's of Arts in Addiction Counseling program. Her teaching interests include clinical mental health issues, group therapy, and addiction. Her research interests lie in the area of addiction and relationships and the role of attachment in development. Dr. Dumont has her PhD in Counseling.

Nivischi Edwards

Dr. Nivischi loves the opportunity to integrate faith and counseling while teaching at Liberty University. Traveling is her favorite hobby; she has traveled to four of the seven continents. She is a Military and Family Life Counselor (MFLC) with the Department of Defense. As a MFLC, she provides counseling services to personnel and their families in all branches of the military. She earned her Ph.D. in Counselor Education from the University of Central Florida, her MA in Community Counseling from Andrews University and her BA in Psychology from Syracuse University. She is a Licensed Mental Health Counselor, Licensed Professional Counselor, National Certified Counselor, and Distance Credentialed Counselor.

Deepa Emmanuel

Deepa is a Mental Health Counselor, working with at-risk youth in the city of Lynchburg. I graduated with my Masters in Clinical Mental Health Counseling from Liberty University in 2017 and have been working in the field since. I also did my internship in the same field, during my time at Liberty. I am an international student from India. Though, I am from India I have had the opportunity to live in a couple of different countries and learn and experience different cultures.

Kristy Ford

Dr. Kristy Ford is an assistant professor in Liberty University's Department of Counselor Education and Family Studies, as well as a licensed mental health counselor in the state of Florida. Her research focuses on the therapeutic impact of mindfulness techniques on religious coping and secure attachment and on multicultural issues related to the application of religiously accommodative treatments in counseling practice. Her clinical experience includes private practice, managed care, and community based care. Dr. Ford has her PhD in Counselor Education and Supervision

Sally Goh

Dr. Sally is a resident in counseling in Virginia, she received her PhD in Counselor Education and Supervision. Besides advocating for International students, non-traditional students, and/or other ethnic minorities and their related-issues, her research interests include the wellness imperatives for graduate students, the shame and guilt cultures, and the cross-cultural challenges that foreign-born counselors, counselor educators, and supervisors face in the mental health field. She is an international student who has done volunteer work among the first-generation Americans and international community locally and overseas for more than two decades.

Angel Golson

Dr. Golson completed her masters in Clinical Mental Health, which led to her work as a licensed professional counselor and instructor. During her doctoral program, she began researching wellness and addictive behaviors among college students. After she received her PhD, she has been teaching and advising college students for almost ten years in counseling and psychology programs. Her clinical experience includes working with children, college students, and their families. At Liberty University, the primary presenter is an Assistant Professor where she is involved in teaching, advising, researching, and student development. Her other research interest include the best practices for faculty advising and supervision for online programs.

Patti Hinkley

Dr. Hinkley is a core professor for the online counselor education program at Liberty University. She has been teaching counseling classes since 1987. Her primary work through the years has been with the distance program; however, she has also extensively taught the traditional residential students throughout her career. She has been actively involved in various administrative roles at Liberty University all 32 years. These roles include the following: Academic Advisor, Director of Practicum and Internships, Department Chair (Psychology-Distance Learning), Faculty Coordinator (DLP), Executive Director of LU's Distance Program, Associate Dean (College of Arts & Sciences) and Department Chair for the online counseling program. Patti is a Licensed Professional Counselor, a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, and a Nationally Certified Counselor. She has practiced as a professional counselor for 19 years in a part-time private practice.

Kevin Hull

Dr. Hull has over 25 years of field experience, and over 15 years of teaching experience. Dr. Hull currently owns and operates a private counseling practice in Lakeland, Florida. Dr. Hull specializes in autism spectrum and neurodevelopmental delays and is a graduate of Liberty MA in Professional Counseling and PhD Counseling.

Brad Imhoff

Dr. Brad Imhoff is an Assistant Professor of Counseling at Liberty University. He earned a Ph.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision from Ohio University, where he specialized in addictions counseling, specifically working with those who had been consumed by the growing opioid addiction epidemic. Dr. Imhoff's recent scholarly focus has been in the area of the cognitive behavior therapies and especially how they can be best understood and used to treat anxiety disorders.

David Jenkins

Dr. Jenkins is Professor of Counseling and Director of the MA in Addiction Counseling program in the Department of Counselor Education and Family Studies at Liberty University. With over 25 years of clinical experience, Dr. Jenkins specializes in the integration of Christian faith and clinical practice. He has worked extensively with mood, anxiety, and addictive disorders in the context of individual, marital, and family therapy. Dr. Jenkins has provided education, consultation, supervision and training for a variety of professionals, organizations, churches, and ministries. He is also an author and speaker at conferences, seminars, and retreats.

Holly Johnson

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