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PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES

SACES 2004 CONFERENCE ATHENS, GEORGIA SEPTEMBER 10-12

The Southern Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (SACES) invites you to the 2004 conference at a most popular site: The Georgia Center for Continuing Education in Athens, Georgia. This location includes excellent room rates, fine dining great shopping, and eclectic nightlife.

VCA CONFERENCE CALL FOR PROGRAMS DEADLINE EXTENDED TO MAY 21

Visit the VCA website Vcaoffice@aol.com for more information. The VCA Conference 2004 will be held at the Hotel Roanoke on November 3 - 5.

President's Message

By Dr. Tammy Davis

As I observed the graduate students having lunch at the Graduate Student Conference at William & Mary on February 21st, I realized that counselor education and supervision in the Commonwealth of Virginia has a very bright and promising future. We were blessed with good weather (almost 70 degrees) and the students had the opportunity to network outside and enjoy the warmth of the day, both literally and figuratively. Over 170 participants – a new attendance record – enjoyed a variety of presentations, and it was inspiring to see and hear the competence of future counselor educators and supervisors.

As I approach the end of my first year in the Presidency, I feel VACES has made accomplishments over the past year. First, the goal of my Presidency was to increase membership and we seem to be maintaining. I will work harder on this goal through a greater presence at VCA and an appeal to graduate students in counseling programs across the state. Second, we conducted an election for openings on the Board in the offices of Secretary and President-elect. Those elected will begin their positions on July 1st. Third, the VACES Board has moved forward in the development of supervision training guidelines, and we hope to implement these training sessions as soon as possible. Finally, the Counseling Graduate Student Conference has grown to the extent that the VACES Board has established a committee to plan for future conferences.

An important goal for the coming year is to encourage VACES members to submit articles to the VCA Journal. An edition is coming out in the spring and we have a goal of getting out a second edition in late fall. Counselor educators and supervisors are key contributors to the growth and success of counseling in Virginia, and the Journal is a catalyst for sharing valuable research and information. We will also submit an application for state ACES chapter of the year in the Southern region. Since we received the State ACES award from the ACA in 2003, we are hoping to achieve another level of award and accomplishment at SACES in 2004. Also, President-elect Dr. Kathleen May will be instrumental in advocating a protocol for supervision training in Virginia.

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Guidelines for Authors

The Virginia Counselors Journal is the professional journal of the Virginia Counselors Association. Manuscripts are acknowledged on receipt by the editor(s) and sent out for review using a blind review procedure. The editors make final decisions regarding publications. Manuscripts will be distributed to editorial board members for review. Authors can generally expect a decision with two-to- three months of the acknowledgement of receipt.

Categories for consideration in the Journal include but are not limited to counselor preparation, supervision, professional development, counseling theory, current issues, and innovative methods, and book reviews.

Manuscript Guidelines for Submission:

- 1. Manuscripts are not to exceed 18 pages total, including all references and abstract.**
- 2. Manuscripts should include a cover page with the title of the article, the name(s) of the author(s), the institutional or work affiliation, and contact information (including email) of the first author.**
- 3. A 50-word abstract should be submitted with the manuscript.**
- 4. The manuscript should be typed in *Microsoft Word 2000* or newer. Font should be 12-point Times New Roman with one-inch margins on all sides. Pages should be numbered in the bottom center of the page. All lines should be double-spaced.**
- 5. All manuscripts must adhere to the guidelines of the *APA Style Manual* (5th edition). This includes the use of any tables, graphics, and all references.**
- 6. Manuscripts should avoid lengthy quotes (300+ words) and it is expected that all quotations and works cited comply with “fair use” copyright laws.**
- 7. Authors should reduce bias in language against persons on the basis of gender, sexual orientation, racial or ethnic group, disability, or age by referring to the guidelines in the *APA Publication Manual*.**
- 8. Submit four (4) copies of the manuscript via mail or email (if mail, please send a 3 ½ inch disk as well) to:**

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Or

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- 9. Do not submit material that has been previously published or that is under consideration for another publication.**

VACES Graduate Student Conference Bigger and Better Than Ever!

Over 170 participants – students, faculty, and interested others – gathered at the University Center of the College of William & Mary to select from 36 outstanding sessions presented by graduate counseling students from across the state. New participants this year included Hampton University and Norfolk State University, who came in full force with students and faculty! Other programs represented included Virginia State, university of Virginia, James Madison University, Marymount University, Regent University, Old Dominion University, Virginia Tech, and the hometown students and faculty of William & Mary.

This year's conference theme was "Picture It: Framing the Future of Counseling". New features included a boxed lunch and an extra session for presentation session in lieu of a keynote speaker. Also, interest from outside agencies such as juvenile services and domestic violence centers resulted in increased attendance of participants other than counseling graduate students.

A reception followed where Dr. Rick Gressard discussed the future of counseling licensure and encouraged students to continue seeking opportunities for professional development. Four vouchers toward attendance at the VCA 2004 Conference were given away as door prizes and were won by students representing four different counselor education programs.

Dr. Tammy Davis, VACES President, and Tammi Milliken, VACES Graduate Student Liaison, would like to thank all of the VACES Board members and the counselor education faculties throughout the state for promoting the conference. The outstanding work of the graduate students who presented and the fine support given them by those who attended is to be recognized and applauded! If you are interested in information about the Grad Student Conference or would like to be involved next year, please contact Dr. Tammy Davis at tamara.davis@marymount.edu.

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Finally, we will continue to strive to increase VACES membership and to support counselor education and supervision across the Commonwealth.

As always, I am anxious to hear from all the VACES members and would love to know how to serve you better. At the Grad Student Conference, it also became obvious that there is a great deal of support and positive relationships among the counselor education programs. I would like to see a greater connection between VACES and mental health supervisors, and the only way to accomplish that is through open communication. Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time: tamara.davis@marymount.edu or at DrD4UNC@aol.com. You may also feel free to call me at (703) 330 – 0019. Service to the VACES membership is my top priority.

This newsletter offers information on several professional opportunities: the Summer Institute in Counseling, upcoming SACES and VCA conferences, and the "Guidelines for Authors" of the VCA Journal. We hope that our members will take advantage of the professional opportunities available!



SUMMER INSTITUTE IN COUNSELING

The 8th annual Summer Institute in Counseling will be held at James Madison University this coming June 10 – 25. Co-sponsored by the VCA, sessions to be offered include the following: School Counseling: Professional Identity & Current Trends, Psychopharmacology for Counselors, Finding Meaning in Stress, The ABC's of Play Therapy, Counselor Supervision, Crisis Intervention, and the Challenges and Opportunities of Private Practice.

For more information/registration, contact Sue Rippy at 540-568-6439 or [rippysr@jmu.edu](mailto:rrippysr@jmu.edu)

The VACES Newsletter is published twice annually. All articles or items of interest to professional counselors, counselor educators, or counseling students are welcome. The editor reserves the right to edit and/or abridge submission for space and content. To submit articles for publication or for more information, please contact VACES newsletter editor Jeanne Booth:

booth@lynchburg.edu or 434-544-8551.

ELECTION RESULTS

Congratulations to Dr. Kathleen May of the UVA Counselor Education Program on her election to the position of VACES President-elect and to Tammy Feaster, a counseling graduate student at Virginia State University, who has been elected to the position of VACES secretary!



LOOK FOR THE FOLLOWING VACES EVENTS AT VCA 2004:

-A session for graduate students that provides useful information about the Graduate Student Conference as well as tips for getting jobs as counselors, school counselors, and counselor educators!

-The VACES annual open meeting where all members (or anyone interested in becoming a member) is invited to learn about VACES and give feedback so that we can better meet the needs of our members!

-Another combination social event where different divisions of VCA meet to socialize and network! Details will follow in the November newsletter!

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