ARCA’s Conference Album!

ACA Conference & Expo
“THE FUTURE OF COUNSELING”
APRIL 26-29, 2018

Georgia World Congress Center
Atlanta, Georgia
Thanks to all the volunteers who manned our booth at this conference!

Pictured here is Steve Zanskas, Chair, Council on Public Relations and Awareness

Preconference Presentations

ARCA’s 2018 Annual Membership Meeting Held

On Friday, April 27, 2018 the ARCA Annual Membership Meeting was held at the Omni Hotel at the CNN Center.
ARCA Presentations at ACA Conference

Friday

Head Injury and Rehabilitation: The New Normal
Antonio Reyes and Michelle Bradham-Cousar

Individuals with traumatic brain injury (TBI) may represent especially difficult cases for counselors due to their unique challenges. Counselors play an essential role in supporting improved outcomes for individuals with a TBI, however, many newly trained professionals enter the field without all the needed knowledge to effectively serve individuals with TBI. This poster session outlines important strategies for helping individuals with TBI to be successful in the context of school, work and post-injury adaptation.

Sunday

Recommendations for Including CORE Standards in CACREP Programs
Cecilia Guyton, Patrick Powell

CACREP is the accrediting body for counselor training programs, both at the master’s and at the doctoral levels. Until recently, counselor educators have simply needed a copy of the Standards to develop their courses and ensure that their program was in alignment with the Standards. However, with the recent notification that CACREP was merging with CORE, the accrediting body for rehabilitation counseling, many counselor educators are unsure how to include CORE standards in their programs. The focus of the session is to provide an overview of the issue and make recommendations for including CORE standards in master’s- and doctoral-level counselor education and supervision programs.

Saturday

Disability, Race and Law Enforcement: Advocacy for People Misperceived and Mistreated by Police
Yolanda V. Edwards, Michelle Bradham-Cousar, Aisha Rousseau, and Henry McCarthy

This session will include a call to action highlighting: (1) best practices for the engagement of law enforcement with communities of color and people with disabilities and (2) the role professional counselors can play in practices of law enforcement. This session will center on ineffective police behaviors within two marginalized communities: people of color and people with disabilities. Attendees will be encouraged to share experiences and concerns of people of color and people with disabilities.

Yolanda Edwards at the podium

Student Presentation

Assistive Technology
Alexis Duggan and Jasmine Bryant, Florida International University

Ms. Duggan and Ms. Bryant from Florida International University presented the results of their ARCA Student Research Award-winning Assistive Technology Project. Visit this link for more information on this project: http://casenews.fiu.edu/index.php/2018/06/27/rehabilitation-counseling-students-win-big-at-the-aca-arca/
Prior to the ARCA evening reception, a “Student Activities” meeting was held.

To the left we have Dr. Henry McCarthy (standing) as he and Yolanda Edwards (to his right) speak with the students.

Shown here on the right is Dr. Michael Hartley (tan long sleeve shirt) speaking with students to obtain their input on ARCA and its future.
Let the party begin!

Showing off their dance moves, from left to right, Sonia Peterson (Public Policy, Professional Preparation and Standards Chair), Michelle Bradham-Cousar (President 2017-2018), and Cecilia Guyton (Treasurer 2018-2019)

Pictured below are some of the students who attended this year’s conference dancing the evening away

Once again, Cecilia Guyton, showing her dance moves
Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to see old friends and colleagues and to make new contacts from around the country.

Pictured here are two of ARCA’s Past Presidents enjoying a private conversation.

Shown here on the left is Dr. David Staten who served from 2014-2015 with Henry McCarthy, who served from 2016-2017 on the right.
ARCA President, Michelle Bradham-Cousar presented the ARCA Presidential Award to **Dr. Mary Huber** for her service as Chair of the Council on Research and Knowledge these past three years.

Shown here at this year’s ACA Conference in Atlanta, President Michelle Bradham-Cousar presented **Henry McCarthy**, Past President for 2016-2017, with the President’s Award for his service to ARCA.
Michelle Bradham-Cousar awarded Doug Strohmer (pictured here on the right) with the President’s Award in recognition of his work as RCB Editor (for 17 years) and overall Years of Service to ARCA.

Shown here on the left is Henry McCarthy who received the award on behalf of Doug Strohmer.

Shown here together at this year’s ACA Conference in Atlanta, ARCA’s Presidents from the past, the present and the future.