CURRICULUM VITA

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**EDUCATION**

*Degree Major Institution Month/Year*

PhD Counselor Education *(CACREP accredited)* University of Tennessee, Knoxville May 2019

(Cognate: Cultural Studies in Education)

Cert Qualitative Research in Education University of Tennessee, Knoxville May 2019

Cert Grief, Loss, and Trauma University of Tennessee, Knoxville May 2018

MS Counseling—Clinical Mental Health University of Tennessee, Knoxville May 2016

*(CACREP accredited)*

BS Psychology (minor: Religion) Western Carolina University May 2014

**EMPLOYMENT**

*Rank/Job Title Place of Employment Begin/End*

Assistant Professor of Counseling Department of Special Education, Rehabilitation 2019-present

and Counseling (SERC), Auburn University

Adjunct Instructor Department of Special Education, Rehabilitation Su 2019

and Counseling (SERC), Auburn University

Graduate Assistant Office of the Chancellor/Diversity and Engagement, 2016-2019

Commissions for Women and LGBT People,

University of Tennessee, Knoxville

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Referred Papers**

**Thacker, N. E.** & Diambra, J. F. (2019). Parallel process of professional identity development during supervision. *The Journal of Counselor Preparation and Supervision, 12*(3). Retrieved from https://repository.wcsu.edu/jcps/vol12/iss3/6

**Thacker, N. E.** & Gibbons, M. M. (2019). Complicated grief in rural Appalachia: Using feminist theory to reconcile grief. *Journal of Mental Health Counseling*, 41, 297-311. https://doi.org/10.17744/mehc.41.4.02

Wheat, L. S., & **Thacker, N. E.** (2019). LGBTQ+ loss experiences and the use of meaning reconstruction with clients. *Journal of LGBT Issues in Counseling, 13*, 232-251. https://doi.org/10.1080/15538605.2019.1627973

**Thacker, N.** **E.** & Blueford, J. M. (2018). Resolving value conflicts with physician-assisted death: A systemic application of the counselor values-based conflict model. *The Professional Counselor, 8*, 249-261*.* https://doi.org/10.15241/net.8.3.249

Under Review

**Thacker, N. E.** & Barrio Minton, C. A. (under review). Minoritized counseling professionals’ experiences in counselor education: A review of research.

**Thacker, N. E.** (under review). Musical mourning in Manchester: Cultural norms, expectations, and meaning in grief.

**Other Scholarly Work**

**Thacker, N. E.**, & Harrichand, J. J. S. (2019, November). The impact of the supervisory relationship on leadership development. *NARACES Fall Newsletter.* Retrieved from https://naraces.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Spring-2019-Final-Newsletter-2.pdf

Adams, C., Blueford, J., & **Thacker, N.**, Riley, K., Johnson, M., Hightower, J. (2019, October). Breaking the silence: Counseling professionals’ roles in addressing acts of hate on college campuses. *Counseling Today*. Retrieved from https://ct.counseling.org/2019/10/breaking-the-silence/

**Thacker, N. E.** (2019, Fall). Diversifying the profession: How identity negotiation gets in the way. *CSI Exemplar*, *34(*3). Retrieved from https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.csinet.org/resource/resmgr/publications\_exemplar/fall\_2019\_exemplar.pdf

**GRANTS**

Funded

*Counselor Educators' Experiences Negotiating Marginalized Identity during Professional Identity Development*

Chi Sigma Iota: Excellence in Counseling Research Grant, 2018-2019

Awarded $1959.60, Primary Investigator

*Marginalized Counselor Educators' Experiences Negotiating Personal Identity during Professional Identity Development*

Southern Association for Counselor Education and Supervision Research Grant, 2018-2019

Awarded $389.70, Primary Investigator

Unfunded

*Revisiting Gerontological Competencies: A Look into Counselors’ Current Practices*

Association for Counselor Education and Supervision Research Grant, Fall 2019

Requested $500, Co-I (PI: Jillian M. Blueford, Co-Is: Mary Chase Mize, Sara Bailey)

**NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

Blueford, J., & **Thacker, N.** (2020, April). *“I’m Not Ready”: Preparing families for physician-assisted death.* Accepted for presentation at the Association for Death Education and Counseling 42nd Annual Conference, Columbus, Ohio.

**Thacker, N.** (2020, April). *Musical mourning: How cultural phenomena shape meaning in grief*. Accepted for presentation at the Association for Death Education and Counseling 42nd Annual Conference, Columbus, Ohio.

**Thacker, N.**, Barrio Minton, C. A., & Riley, K.(2019, October). *Counselor educators’ experiences negotiating marginalized identity during professional identity development*. Presented at the 2019 Association for Counselor Education and Supervision Conference, Seattle, Washington.

Adams, C., & **Thacker, N**. (2019, October). *Elevating stories to learn and grow: Narrative inquiry in counselor education research*. Presented at the 2019 Association for Counselor Education and Supervision Conference, Seattle, Washington.

**Thacker, N.**, & Blueford, J. (2019, August). *The grief timeline: An experiential activity to explore grief experiences across the lifespan*. Presented at the Association for Adult Development and Aging 2019 National Conference, Chicago, Illinois.

**Thacker, N.** (2019, April). *Complicated grief in rural Appalachia: A feminist approach*. Presented at the Association for Death Education and Counseling 41st Annual Conference, Atlanta, Georgia.

**Thacker, N.,** & Blueford, J. (2018, April). *Ambiguous loss at the intersection of religion and sexuality*. Presented at the Association for Death Education and Counseling 40th Annual Conference, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Blueford, J., & **Thacker, N.** (2018, April). *Creating an open environment for grief in educational settings*. Presented at the American Counseling Association Conference & Expo, Atlanta, Georgia.

Szepe, A., Adams, C. R., Johnson, M., **Thacker, N**., & York, A. (2017, October). *Deconstructing imposter phenomenon: Impacts on professional identity development*. Presented at the 2017 Association for Counselor Education and Supervision Conference, Chicago, Illinois.

**Thacker, N.** (2017, October). *Professional identity development of sexual minority counselor educators*. Presented at the 2017 Association for Counselor Education and Supervision Conference, Chicago, Illinois.

**Thacker, N.,** & Blueford, J. (2017, October). *Preparing counselors in value and ethical bracketing with physician-assisted death*. Presented at the 2017 Association for Counselor Education and Supervision Conference, Chicago, Illinois.

Blueford, J., & **Thacker, N.** (2017, April). *How children (ages 7-11) can effectively cope with grief through their involvement with post-death rituals of a loved one*. Presented at the 39th Annual Association for Death Education and Counseling Conference, Portland, Oregon.

**REGIONAL, STATE & LOCAL PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

Blueford, J., **Thacker, N.**, & Diambra, J. (2018, November). *Are counselors prepared to counsel grieving clients? Contemporary models and strategies.* Presented at the Tennessee Counseling Association 61st Annual Conference, Nashville, Tennessee.

**Thacker, N.** & Blueford, J. (2018, October). *Teaching a service-learning course on grief, loss, and trauma.* Presented at the Southern Association for Counselor Education and Supervision 2018 Conference, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

**Thacker, N.,** & Blueford, J. (2017, November). *Short and long term care for grieving students: Implications for school counselors*. Presented at the Tennessee Counseling Association 60th Annual Conference, Nashville, Tennessee.

**Thacker, N.,** & Blueford, J. (2017, February). *Creating an open environment for grief in educational settings*. Presented at the Smoky Mountain Counseling Association 11th Annual Conference, Johnson City, Tennessee.

Johnson, M., Mahan, L., & **Thacker, N.** (2016, October). *Hear me OUT*: *The**necessity of safe spaces for communication and dialogue.* Presented at the 2016 OUTstanding Seminar, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee.

**Thacker, N.** (2015, November). *Breaking down heteronormativity: Counselor language with LGBTQ+ clients.* Presented at the 2015 Tennessee Counseling Association Conference, Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

**TEACHING & SUPERVISION EXPERIENCE**

**Auburn University**

*CACREP Standard Course Title Semesters Taught*

Counseling & Helping Relationships COUN 7350: Introduction to Counseling Practice Spr 2020

Professional Orientation & Ethics COUN 7400: Orientation to Professional Counseling Fall 2019

Assessment & Testing COUN 7200: Measurement and Assessment Su 2019

in Counseling

**University of Tennessee, Knoxville**

*CACREP Standard Course Title Semesters Taught*

Specialty Courses COUN 504: Human Sexuality**,** Co-Instructor Su 2018

COUN 460: Practicum in Grief Support**,** Spr 2018

Co-Instructor

Professional Orientation & Ethics COUN 535: Professional Orientation & Ethics Fall 2017

in Counseling, Co-Instructor

Field Experience COUN 559: Internship, Supervisor Spring 2018

COUN 555: Practicum, Supervisor Spring 2017

**Invited Guest Lectures**

*Narrative Inquiry in Counseling Research*, California State University, Sacramento November 6, 2019

*Grief and Loss Counseling*, University of Nebraska, OmahaOctober 3, 2019

*Responding to Experiences of Loss and Grief,* University of Tennessee Sept. 2018, Feb. 2019

*Embracing the Discomfort: Grief and Loss,* University of Wyoming March 3, 2018

*Developing Theoretical Orientation*, University of Tennessee April 12, 2017

**COUNSELING EXPERIENCE**

**FUTURE Program, University of Tennessee** Knoxville, TN

*Doctoral Student Intern* Fall 2017

* Provided individual and group counseling services to college students enrolled

in the FUTURE program at UT

**Linden Elementary School** Oak Ridge, TN

*Doctoral Student Intern* Fall 2016

* Performed individual counseling services and guidance lessons to grades K-4
* Facilitated small-group counseling for 2nd grade children of divorce

**Maryville College** Maryville, TN

*Counseling Intern* Jan. 2015-May 2016

* Delivered individual counseling services for a caseload of 25-30 students
* Provided individual academic support for a caseload of 5-10 students conditionally

admitted and/or on academic probation

* Co-instructed Portfolio: a self-management and learning strategies course for conditionally

admitted students and students on academic probation

* Designed and facilitated a psychoeducational group on student-athletes’ mental health with

Women’s Basketball Team

* Developed and implemented a psychoeducational substance use program for student-athletes

**University of Tennessee Grief Outreach Initiative** Knoxville, TN

*Counselor & Mentor* Spring 2016 & Fall 2017

* Provided individual grief mentorship for elementary aged students

**LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE**

**Southern Association for Counselor Education and Supervision**

*Emerging Leader* 2018-2020

* Provide 40 hours of service to SACES over two-year period
* Engage in ongoing small group mentorship
* Participate in a workshop and recognition activity at SACES 2018 conference
* Participate in large group experiences held concurrent with ACES 2019 and SACES 2020 conferences

**Upsilon Theta Chapter of Chi Sigma Iota** Knoxville, TN

*Co-chair of the Community Engagement and Advocacy Committee* Aug. 2017-May 2019

* Responsible for organizing chapter community service and advocacy activities

**Grief Outreach Initiative, University of Tennessee**  Knoxville, TN

*Co-coordinator* Jan. 2018-Aug. 2018

* Primary liaison for school counselors in Knox County
* Coordinate matching of mentors to students in Knox County and supervise grief services

**University of Tennessee ASPIRE Scholarship Program** (NSF funded) Knoxville, TN

*Assistant Project Manager* Nov. 2016-May 2017

* Recruited high school students in qualifying areas
* Assisted Project Manager with creating recruitment and application materials

**SERVICE**

College/Institution, Auburn University

College of Education Diversity Committee, SERC representative Dec. 2019-present

Critical Studies Working Group, *Member* Oct. 2019-present

Department/Program, Auburn University

CACREP Assessment Committee, *Member*  Aug. 2019-present

Professional

Grief Counseling Competencies Interest Group, *Member* March 2019-present

Journal of Mental Health Counseling,*Ad-hoc reviewer*  Jan. 2019-present

Association for Death Education and Counseling**,** Student and New Professional Committee, *Member* 2018-present

* Silent auction and raffle sub-committee chair for the ADEC 2020 annual conference
* Co-author in the proposal and development of an ADEC Emerging Leaders program

for students and new professionals (2019)

**OUTREACH**

Theory of Change Podcast, Episode 29: Venturing the Complexities of Grief

*Co-Presenter*, Co-Presenters: Dr. Jillian Blueford (University of Denver) and Dr. Alfredo Palacios (Auburn University). Retrieved from <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/the-theory-of-change-podcast/id1447255328?i=1000458647825>

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Alabama Counseling Association (ALCA) 2019-present

American Counseling Association (ACA) 2014-present

Association for Death Education and Counseling (ADEC) 2017-present

Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (ACES) 2016-present

Southern Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (SACES)

Association for LGBT Issues in Counseling (ALGBTIC) 2018-present

Tennessee Counseling Association (TCA) 2015-2019

Smoky Mountain Counseling Association (SMCA)

ALGBTIC in Tennessee

Chi Sigma Iota (CSI) Counseling Academic and Professional Honor Society

Iota Delta Sigma Chapter 2019-present

Upsilon Theta Chapter 2015-2019

**CREDENTIALS, TRAININGS & CERTIFICATIONS**

National Certified Counselor (ID: 833185) October 2016-present

CITI Certified (ID: 8172296) June 2019-2024

SafeZone Training, Auburn University Fall 2019

Best Practices in Publishing, University of Tennessee  Fall 2018

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) January 2018

Web-based TF-CBT October 2017

SafeZone Training, University of Tennessee April 2016

**AWARDS & HONORS**

New Faculty Scholars Fellow, Biggio Center, Auburn University 2019-2020

Marianne Woodside Outstanding Role Model Award, University of Tennessee 2019

Outstanding Service to the Chapter Award, Chi Sigma Iota—Upsilon Theta, University of Tennessee 2018-2019

Chancellor’s Honors Award: LGBTQ Student Leadership Award, University of Tennessee 2019

Association for Death Education and Counseling, Conference Scholarship Awardee 2018, 2019