LEADERSHIP

Welcome!

For some of you, this is a welcome back; for others, it is your official first welcome to the Department of Counseling and Human Services. Either way, we are happy to have you here, making important contributions to our programs. We have some exciting things happening this year with new faculty (Drs. Lisa Dunkley and Kwangman Ko, as well as Ms. Deidra Rogers and Mrs. Audrey Besch) as they bring fresh perspectives to our Human Services program. We have some summer research being wrapped up by Drs. Milner and Garris as well as new leadership within the department. This year, I will be serving as the interim Chair of the department, Dr. Graham Disque will serve as the interim Clinic Director for the Counseling Program, and Amber Strickland as the Community Counseling Clinic GA. Dr. Bill Garris will serve as the coordinator for Human Services undergraduate program and Dr. Jamie Branam Brown will serve as the graduate coordinator for Human Services. This year starts off with some exciting events. Please see below for details. We encourage you to get involved, and we welcome new ways to collaborate with the community. As always, I want reassure you that your feedback is valued, so feel free to stop by and say hello or reach out by email.

Dr. Julia Bernard
Interim Chair

As some of you may know, Dr. Janna Scarborough has stepped down as Chair to take the role of Associate Dean of Faculty and Academic Affairs in the Clemmer College. We are going to miss having her around the office, but are excited for her new adventures as Associate Dean. She will continue to be a professor of counseling and member of the CSHS department.

We wish you the best, Janna! :)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Meet the Mountains Festival Founder’s Park Aug 24-25th

LGBTQ+ and Allies Hike to Laurel Falls Sept 9th 1-6 PM Meet at 1909 S. Roan Street

Tri Pride Festival Founder’s Park Sept 15th

Fall 2018 Poverty Simulation set for November *Details to come*
Welcome New Faculty

Counseling and Human Services is excited to welcome new faculty members to the department. We are happy that you have joined us and appreciate you bringing your expertise to ETSU.

Dr. Lisa Dunkley has a background in Rehabilitation Counseling and Psychology. Her research interests include offender reentry, resilience and quality of life of individuals with disabilities. Lisa has a passion for working with transition age youths with disabilities with career readiness, higher education, independent living skills and advocacy. She was recently awarded the 2018 Chi Sigma Iota Outstanding Doctoral Student Award and the 2018 Shane Carlin and Annie Sit Inclusion Award. Lisa is a fan of horror movies, traveling, roller coasters and dabbles in abstract painting. She enjoys reggae and dancehall music as well as oldies but goodies. Lisa loves to laugh and enjoys cooking Jamaican dishes. She looks forward to enjoying what Johnson City has to offer and learning new cultures.

Deidra A. Rogers, M.A. is a native of Spartanburg, South Carolina. She graduated in 2002 from Winthrop University with a BA in Psychology and Minor in Social Sciences. In 2015 she attended Liberty University where she received her Master’s in Human Services Counseling: Life Coaching. Deidra has over 10 years’ experience in the non-profit sector serving adult’s with disabilities. She recently completed a year of service as an AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteer In Service to America) with the National Corporation for Community Service in Knoxville, TN. Deidra’s passion for service lead her to serve outside of the United States as a Missionary on two mission trips: Haiti and Dominican Republic. Deidra will be an instructor for both on-ground and online “Intro to Service Learning” in the Department of Counseling & Human Services.

Kwangman Ko was born and grew up in Asan-si, Chungcheong-nam-do, South Korea. He attended Hanyang University at Seoul and received a B.S. and M.S. in Urban Planning in 1998 and 2000, respectively. Kwangman received a B.A. in Counseling Psychology in 2007 from Seoul Digital University at Seoul and a B.A. in e-Lifelong Education in 2010 from Gukje Cyber University at Kyunggi-do. He also attended Yonsei University at Seoul and received a M.A. in Child and Family Studies in 2012. After coming to the United States, he started the doctoral program in the Department of Human Development and Family Science at the University of Missouri in 2013. Kwangman completed his doctoral work in Human Development and Family Science

Audrey Besch, M.S., is a recent graduate from our Masters program in Human Services here at ETSU and in 2016, was also a graduate from our B.S. program. Her professional/research interests include adults with dyslexia and recollection of family climate, working with adults with disabilities, and advocating for animal welfare. Audrey is a proud fur-mama of three wonderful dogs and a cat. She loves kayaking, traveling, and low-key evenings with her people.
In academic year 2016-17 University School and Human Services faculty Andrea Lowery, Erin Doran, Lindsey Lester, Amy Weber*, and Dr. Bill Garris received a College of Education Mini-Grant to explore how technology influenced the social dynamics of collaborative group work in the classroom. The findings were published in the May 2018 issue of the International Journal of Learning, Teaching, and Educational Research.

*Doctoral student, ETSU College of Public Health

Dr. Rebecca Milner has geared her summer research assignment towards exploring how people perceive unsolicited, explicit photographs that people send or receive in dating apps. Drs. Rebecca Milner and Emily Donald will be collaborating on this research together. This summer, Dr. Milner took the lead to by searching through the literature. The two plan to get IRB approval and start research, pending on a graduate student who is interested in this topic as a thesis.

Department of Counseling & Human Services (above) and Office of Service Learning and America Reads (left) participated in the 2018 ETSU Pride Door Decorating Contest. This year’s theme was “ETSU Pride: The Force Within You.”

A simple act of kindness creates an endless ripple effect and with the Kindness Rocks Project at ETSU, we continue to spread that ripple across campus. In Spring 2018, counseling graduate, Christy Oaks hosted an interactive advocacy project through rock painting with Brother’s Keeper (pictured above), a program designed to educate adults with intellectual disabilities and empower them to engage with the community. This workshop not only served as an opportunity for participants to spread kindness and interact with the community, but also a way to increase the awareness around neurodiversity. You can follow Ms. Oaks Instagram Account NeuroDiversity Awareness JC or follow the hashtag #NDAJC to learn more about neurodiversity.