THE EUROPEAN BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN COUNSELING ASSOCIATION

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21 — PRECONFERENCE

DOORS OPEN / REGISTRATION: 9:00 AM | PRESENTERS: PLEASE CHECK IN 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE, IF POSSIBLE.

PRECONFERENCE PROGRAM • XN 106 AND CONFERENCE AREAS

TIME	ROOM / SPACE	PROGRAM / PRESENTERS
9:00–9:30 AM	Preconference area	Conference set-up / registration / technology check
9:30–10:30 AM	XN 106 (34) — Classroom	From Collective Reactivity to Individual Autonomy: Ways of applying Bowen Systems Theory on Self-Differentiation in Modern Greek Society. Presenter: Dr. Stamatina Stathopoulou
10:30–10:35 AM	XN 106 (34) — Classroom	5-minute transition
10:35–11:35 AM	XN 106 (34) — Classroom	54.7.25 — From Moral Injury to Belonging: Relational Pathways to Repair for Women Presenter: Tanya Wellman, MA
11:35–11:40 AM	Conference Area	Transition
11:40 AM–12:40 PM	Conference Area	Lunch
12:40–1:00 PM	Conference Area	Networking / presenter preparation
1:00–2:30 PM	XN 106 (34) — Classroom	Ethical Leadership: Culture, Power, Advocacy, and Organizational Responsibility Presenter: Rachael Marshall, PhD
2:30–2:45 PM	XN 106 (34) — Classroom	15-minute break
2:45–4:30 PM	XN 106 (34) — Classroom	Ethical Leadership: Culture, Power, Advocacy, and Organizational Responsibility Presenter: Rachael Marshall, PhD
4:30–5:00 PM	All spaces	Room reset / presenter debrief / close-out

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9:30–9:45 AM WELCOME • 9:45–11:15 AM OPENING KEYNOTE — ALBA AMPHITHEATER

ROOMS: XN 103 • XN 105 • XN 106 | SECTION 1 OF 2

TIME	XN 103	XN 105	XN 106
11:20 AM–12:20 PM	A 47.7.21 — Cross Cultural Counseling: A Global Service-Learning Collaborative in Kenya Presenter: Sommer Garrett, PhD	A 2.6.19- No Forgiveness, No Recovery: Know Forgiveness, Know Recovery Presenter: W. Bryce Hagedorn, PhD	OPEN
12:25–1:25 PM	LUNCH / NETWORKING	LUNCH / NETWORKING	LUNCH / NETWORKING
1:10–2:10 PM	A 24.6.30 — Who Defines Growth? Reimagining Posttraumatic Growth Through Identity, Belonging, and Interdisciplinary Dialogue Presenter: Cailen Birtles, PhD	A 9.6.24 — Artificial Intelligence, Attachment, and Counseling Ethics Presenter: Shannon Shoemaker, PhD	SCHOOL TRACK 52.7.24 — Promoting Belonging Through Advocacy: Development of a Social Determinants of Health Adaptation Scale for School Counselors: Implications for Attachment, Identity, and Belonging Presenter: John McCall, PhD

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TIME	XN 103	XN 105	XN 106
2:15–3:15 PM	A 14.6.27 — Impact of U.S. kinship care policies relate to the quality of attachment between custodial grandparents and their grandchildren Presenter: Shazia Mirza, MA	A 15.6.28 — Aging Into Belonging: Counseling Strategies to Combat Loneliness and Foster Connection Presenter: Janelle Jones, PhD	SCHOOL TRACK 55.7.25 — Beyond Borders: School Counseling Presenters: Carol Dahir, EdD · Professor, School Counseling, New York Institute of Technology Alessandra Sax, EdD, LMSW · Associate Professor of Psychology, Psychologist and Clinical Social Worker American Community School Participants: Manos Kougioumzoglou, K-12 Clinical Psychologist Anna Makris, Head of Social Emotional Learning and Wellbeing, Child Safeguarding Liaison Dimitri Pelidis, Elementary School Counselor Colleen Puhr, Academic and College Counselor Dr. Maria Ersi Koliris, Counselling Psychologist & Mindfulness trainer Pritha Mani, MA · Child, Adolescent and Young Adult Counselor, Pritha Counseling Services, Geneva, Switzerland
3:20–3:35 PM	ORAL RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM — NO CE 69.7.29 — Same Roots, Different Futures? Life and Career Expectations of Greek Students in Greece and Expatriate Students in the United States Presenter: Konstantina Asimakopoulou, MA		OPEN
3:40–4:40 PM	ACCEPTED — SCHOOL COUNSELING School Counselors' Approach to Counseling Refugee Children and Families Presenters: Cameka Hazel and Sherri Barrow, Ph.D., PSC, LMHC	A 87.8.10 — Whose Knowledge Counts? Resisting Epistemic Injustice in Counseling and Counselor Education Presenter: Claire Martin, Ph.D., LPC, NCC, ACS, BC-TMH	OPEN — moved to Alba Amphitheater at 4:40 PM
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TIME	XN 108	ALBA AMPHITHEATER
11:20 AM–12:20 PM	A 23.6.30 — Creating a Vision for Joy, Healing, and Collective Action to Support Belonging, Social Justice, and Liberation Presenter: Regina Finan, PhD	SPOTLIGHT — Part 1 of 2 58.7.27 — The Stories We Carry: Exploring Ambiguous Loss, Identity, and Belonging Across the Lifespan Presenters: Claudette Brown-Smythe; ZeVida Jones, PhD Jennifer M. Cook, PhD, LPC, NCC, ACS
12:25–1:25 PM	LUNCH / NETWORKING	LUNCH / NETWORKING
1:10–2:10 PM	A 12.6.25 —Held and Unheld: Attachment, Acceptance, and the Clinical Treatment of Loneliness Presenter: Marcial Thomas, MA	SPOTLIGHT — Part 2 of 2 58.7.27 — The Stories We Carry: Exploring Ambiguous Loss, Identity, and Belonging Across the Lifespan Presenters: Claudette Brown-Smythe; ZeVida Jones, PhD Jennifer M. Cook, PhD, LPC, NCC, ACS
2:15–3:15 PM	A 17.6.29 — Assessment of Technological Wellness in a Digital World Presenter: Rochelle Cade, PhD, LPC-S	SCHOOL / TECHNOLOGY SPOTLIGHT — Part 1 of 2 19.6.29 — Odysseys of Connection: Using Merge Cube Technology to Promote Identity, Belonging, and Mental Wellness Among Youth Presenter: James Maiden, Ed.D., LPC, ACS, NCC
3:20–3:35 PM	ORAL RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM — NO CE 57.7.26 — Attachment, Identity Fragmentation, and the Inner Child in Egyptian Adults Raised Across Middle Eastern Cultures In Their Childhood Years Presenter: Harmony Dawoud, MA student	SCHOOL / TECHNOLOGY SPOTLIGHT — Part 2 of 2 19.6.29 — Odysseys of Connection: Using Merge Cube Technology to Promote Identity, Belonging, and Mental Wellness Among Youth Presenter: James Maiden, Ed.D., LPC, ACS, NCC
3:40–4:40 PM		
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5:30 PM BUS LOADING • 6:00–8:00 PM ATHENS BUS ACTIVITY — SEATS STILL AVAILABLE

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ROOMS: XN 103 • XN 105 • XN 106 | SECTION 1 OF 2

TIME	XN 103	XN 105	XN 106
9:30–10:30 AM	SCHOOL TRACK 20.6.30 — Advancing Equitable College and Career Counseling for Students with Disabilities Presenter: Stuart Roe, PhD, NCC	A 49.7.21 — Breaking the Cycle: Creative, Trauma-Informed Approaches for Working with Children and Adolescents Exposed to Domestic and Intimate Partner Violence Presenter: Pritha Mani, MA	A 26.6.30 — An Ecological Understanding of Attachment and Abuse in Adult Relationships: Lessons from Clinical Practice with Individuals Who Use Abusive Behaviors Presenter: Jacqueline Robinson, PhD
10:35–11:35 AM	SCHOOL TRACK 39.7.13 — Future Proof Your Comprehensive School Counseling Program Presenter: Carol Dahir, EdD	A 88.8.12 — Strengthening Student Counselor Identity Through Intentional Course Design Presenter: Courtney R. East, PhD, NCC	A 36.7.10 — The Social Determinants-Based Counseling Model: Best Practices for Addressing the Social Determinants of Mental Health within Professional Counseling Presenter: Danielle Boyd, PhD
11:40 AM–1:10 PM	LUNCH / NETWORKING	LUNCH / NETWORKING	LUNCH / NETWORKING
1:10–2:10 PM	SCHOOL TRACK 37.7.10 — Supporting the Whole Child: Trauma-Informed, Culturally Responsive Mental Health Practices Across School Settings Presenter: Austin Ferrell, Ed.D. / ZeVida A. Jones	SPOTLIGHT — Part 1 of 2 51.7.22 — “I Belong to Me”: Culturally-Informed Strategies to Support Identity Reclamation for Adoptees in Mid-Life and Beyond Presenter: Sara W Bailey, PhD	SPOTLIGHT — Part 1 of 2 32.7.2 — The Post-Deployment "Odyssey" & Veteran Belonging Presenter: Cynthia Briggs, PhD
2:15–3:15 PM	A 67.7.29 — Moving Toward Belonging: Embodied Connection and Professional Identity in Indian Dance Movement Therapy Presenter: Nausheen Fatma Khan, MS	SPOTLIGHT — Part 2 of 2 51.7.22 — “I Belong to Me”: Culturally-Informed Strategies to Support Identity Reclamation for Adoptees in Mid-Life and Beyond Presenter: Sara W Bailey, PhD	SPOTLIGHT — Part 2 of 2 32.7.2 — The Post-Deployment "Odyssey" & Veteran Belonging Presenter: Cynthia Briggs, PhD

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3:20–3:35 PM	ORAL RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM — NO CE 62.7.28 — Career Counseling Interventions as Catalysts for Change in University Students' Future Life and Career Narratives Presenter: Andronikos Kaliris, PhD	ORAL RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM — NO CE Elite Identity: Understanding Perfectionism, Self-Worth and Attachment in Professional Tennis Players Presenter: Martin Blaho, PhD	ORAL RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM — NO CE Exploring the Role of Peer Observation as a Collaborative Professional Development Practice in a Greek Primary School Presenter: Eirini Melpomeni Kakoura, PhD
3:40–4:40 PM	SCHOOL TRACK 70.7.29 — From Supervision Gap to Best Practice: Emerging Models for Clinical Supervision in School Counseling Presenter: Kenya Bledsoe, PhD	A 25.6.30 — Trauma informed gatekeeping and counselor identity development: A framework for community advocacy through counselor education and supervision Presenter: Jacqueline Robinson, PhD	A 44.7.17 — Integrating Career and Mental Health Interventions: Evidence and Implications Presenter: Seth Hayden, PhD, LCMHC

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9:30–10:30 AM	A 27.6.30 — From Dysregulation to Digital Regulation: Using Polyvagal Theory, Artificial Intelligence, and Immersive Technology to Foster Attachment, Identity and Belonging Presenter: Dr. Sharon Thompson	B 61.7.27 — The Creative Odyssey: Intermodal Expressive Arts for Every Stage of Life Presenters: Jill Weidknecht Van Horne, PhD, LCMHCS Mary L. Affee, MBA, Ed.D, LCSW, RPT-S, LCAS-A Alessandra Sax, EdD, LMSW Charles E. Myers, Ph.D., LPC-S, RPT-S, CCPT-S, CCTP, CATP, CSTIP, DMH
10:35–11:35 AM	A 38.7.13 — From Clinician to Leader: Navigating Career Growth Without Losing Your Clinical Identity Presenter: Lynnsey Vandeventer, MEd	OPEN
11:40 AM–1:10 PM	LUNCH / NETWORKING	LUNCH / NETWORKING
1:10–2:10 PM	The Unseen Fracture: Institutional Betrayal and the Attachment Roots of Burnout Presenter: Baylee Leazer, M.Ed, LPC; Co-presenter: Sarah Dixon, PhD	FEATURED SPOTLIGHT — Part 1 of 2 45.7.20 — Belonging in the Screen Age: Cultivating Secure Attachment and Community in an Oversaturated World Presenter: Linda Foster, PhD, LPC, LCMHC, PPC, N.C.C., BC-TMH
2:15–3:15 PM	REGULAR PRESENTATION 21.6.30 — Differentiating Pathology and Culture in Clients Reporting Paranormal Experiences Presenter: Andrea McGrath, PhD, LIMHP, LPC	FEATURED SPOTLIGHT — Part 2 of 2 45.7.20 — Belonging in the Screen Age: Cultivating Secure Attachment and Community in an Oversaturated World Presenter: Linda Foster, PhD, LPC, LCMHC, PPC, N.C.C., BC-TMH
3:20–3:35 PM	ORAL RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM — NO CE 65.7.29 — From Broken Bonds to Recovery: Attachment Narratives of Individuals in Recovery from Substance Use Presenter: Eleni Chrysovalantou Dimitrakopoulou, MS	OPEN
3:40–4:40 PM	SCHOOL TRACK 76.7.30 — Neurodiversity-Affirming School Counseling: What Is It and Where Do I Begin? Presenter: Emily Goodman-Scott, PhD	A 59.7.27 — Everyone Loses Something: Ambiguous Loss Associated with Substance Use Disorder Presenters: Jennifer M. Cook, PhD, LPC, NCC, ACS; Claudette Brown-Smythe

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ROOMS: XN 103 • XN 105 • XN 106 | SECTION 1 OF 2

TIME	XN 103	XN 105	XN 106
9:30–10:30 AM	A 63.7.28 — LGBTQ+ Grief Across the Lifespan: Strategies for Belonging, Development, and Healing Presenter: Nancy Thacker Darrow, PhD	OPEN	REGULAR PRESENTATION 46.21 — Women's Trauma and Stress due to Infidelity and Grey Divorce Presenter: Lois T. Curry-Catanese, LPC
10:35–11:35 AM	A 71.7.29 — Borrowed Voices, Digital Scripts, and Authentic Professional Identity Development: Intentional Supervision and Training Strategies in the Age of AI and Social Media Presenter: Shanice Armstrong, PhD, LPC, LCMHC, PPC	A 79.7.31 — The Reentry Experience of Returning Citizens from Prison Presenter: Christina Kadelski, PhD	A 82.7.31 — Identifying and Customizing Ritual to Support Bereavement Presenter: Marlise Lonn, PhD
	11:40 AM·1:00 PM | INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE LUNCH & LEARN Between Worlds: Immigration, Identity, and the Human Need for Connection David Augustin, LMHC · Claudette Brown-Smythe, PhD, LMHC, ACS, NCC Jennifer M. Cook, PhD, LPC, NCC, ACS · ZeVida A. Jones, EdD, LPSC, LPC, NCC	LUNCH / NETWORKING	LUNCH / NETWORKING
1:00–2:00 PM	73.7.30 — A Cross-Disciplinary Model for Enhancing Medical School Students' Basic Counseling Skills Presenter: Daniel Cinotti, PhD	A 85.7.31 — When Procrastination Protects: Reframing ADHD in Women and Girls Through Identity Development and Belonging Presenter: LeAnn M. Morgan, PhD	A 83.7.31 — Healing in Motion: Using Dance in Therapy for Black Girls with Anxiety Presenter: Amanda Gilbert, MA
2:05–3:05 PM	SCHOOL TRACK 75.7.30 — Partnering for Youth Mental Health During War: Supporting Ukrainian Youth Comprehensively Presenter: Emily Goodman-Scott, PhD	OPEN	B 86.8.7 — What Happened Before the Substance? Trauma, Systems, and Pathways to Substance Use Presenter: Kelley R. Holladay, PhD, LMHC, NCC, MAC, QCS
3:10–4:40 PM	BREAKOUT Finding Home: Supporting Attachment, Identity, and Belonging in Immigrant and Cross-Cultural Communities Presenter: Claudette Brown-Smythe, PhD, LMHC, ACS, NCC	OPEN	B 80.7.31 — Technology, Mental Health, and Human Flourishing Presenter: Caroline Cecile Perjessy, PhD

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9:30–10:30 AM	OPEN	SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT — Part 1 of 2 42.7.16 — Grief in Motion: Using Play, Story, and Connection to Support Grieving Students Presenter: Jennifer Money-Brady, EdD
10:35–11:35 AM	OPEN	SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT — Part 2 of 2 42.7.16 — Grief in Motion: Using Play, Story, and Connection to Support Grieving Students Presenter: Jennifer Money-Brady, EdD
11:40 AM–1:00 PM	LUNCH / NETWORKING	LUNCH / NETWORKING
1:00–2:00 PM	OPEN	OPEN
2:05–3:05 PM	B 13.6.26 — Integrating Gestalt and Expressive Arts Techniques in Trauma-Informed Addiction Supervision: An Ethical Framework for Clinical Supervisors Presenter: Christina M Rosen, EdD	OPEN
3:10–4:40 PM	B 74.7.30 — Decolonizing Global Mental Health: Indigenous Healing Practices to Address Mental Health Inequities Among Multi-Marginalized Youth Presenter: T'Airra Belcher, PhD	B 33.73 Beyond the Passport: Cultivating Multicultural Competence Through International Service-Learning Presenter: Heather Summers

6:00–8:00 PM CLOSING BUSINESS MEETING & RECEPTION — LOCATION TBA

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POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Saturday, October 24, 2026 | 4:30–4:50 PM | ALBA Amphitheater

1. Perceived Parental Psychological Control as a Predictor of Self-Esteem and Anxiety in Greek Emerging Adults

Presenter: Nikol Karegli Zervou

2. Teaching Sexuality Counseling: A Sex-Positive, Culturally Responsive Model

Presenter: Melodie Frick

3. Vicarious Trauma and the School Counselor: Healing Through Self-Care and Advocacy

Presenters: Sherri Barrow, Ph.D., PSC, LMHC; Cameka Hazel

Poster presentations are grouped in one time block and area. Presenter credentials are shown where verified.