

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21 — PRECONFERENCE

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TIME	XN 103	XN 105	XN 106	XN 108	ALBA AMPHITHEATER
9:00–9:30 AM	Preconference area	Conference set-up / registration / technology check	Operations		
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	Invited Presentation		
10:30–10:35 AM	XN 106 (34) — Classroom	5-minute transition	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	A		
11:35–11:40 AM	Conference Area	Transition	Transition		
11:40 AM–12:40 PM	Conference Area	Lunch	Lunch		
12:40–1:00 PM	Conference Area	Networking / presenter preparation	Networking		
1:00–2:30 PM	XN 106 (34) — Classroom	Ethical Leadership: Culture, Power, Advocacy, and Organizational Responsibility Presenter: Rachael Marshall	Spotlight / Intensive - Part 1		
2:30–2:45 PM	XN 106 (34) — Classroom	15-minute break	Break		
2:45–4:30 PM	XN 106 (34) — Classroom	Ethical Leadership: Culture, Power, Advocacy, and Organizational Responsibility Presenter: Rachael Marshall	Spotlight / Intensive - Part 2		
4:30–5:00 PM	All spaces	Room reset / presenter debrief / close-out	Operations		

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22 — OPENING DAY

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TIME	XN 103	XN 105	XN 106	XN 108	ALBA AMPHITHEATER
11:20 AM–12:20 PM	A 47.7.21 — Cross Cultural Counseling: A Global Service-Learning Collaborative in Kenya Presenter: Sommer Garrett	A 2.6.19- No Forgiveness, No Recovery: Know Forgiveness, Know Recovery Presenter: W. Bryce Hagedorn	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	A 23.6.30 — Creating a Vision for Joy, Healing, and Collective Action to Support Belonging, Social Justice, and Liberation Presenter: Regina Finan	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
12:20–1:10 PM	LUNCH / NETWORKING	LUNCH / NETWORKING	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 Presenters: Cailen Birtles, PhD, LPC, NCC, BC-TMH Arden Szepe, PhD, NCC LeAnn Morgan, PhD, LPC, ACS	A 9.6.24 - Artificial Intelligence, Attachment, and Counseling Ethics Presenters: Shannon Shoemaker Nikki Freeburg, 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 Presenters: John McCall Danielle Pester Boyd, PhD	A 12.6.25 —Held and Unheld: Attachment, Acceptance, and the Clinical Treatment of Loneliness Presenter: Marcial Thomas	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 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	A 15.6.28 - Aging Into Belonging: Counseling Strategies to Combat Loneliness and Foster Connection Presenters: Janelle Jones, PhD; Ne'Shaun Borden, PhD	SCHOOL TRACK 55.7.25 — Beyond Borders: School Counseling Perspectives from Greece, Europe, and the United States Presenters: Dr. Carol Dahir, Professor, School Counseling, New York Institute of Technology; Dr. Alessandra Sax, Associate Professor, Psychology Department at Deree-the American College of Greece 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, Psychologist and faculty, the American College of Greece Pritha Mani, Child, Adolescent and Young Adult Counselor. Pritha Counseling Services, Geneva, Switzerland	A 17.6.29 — Assessment of Technological Wellness in a Digital World Presenter: Rochelle Cade	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



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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 Presenters: Konstantina Asimakopoulou Andronikos Kaliris, PhD		OPEN	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	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
3:40–4:40 PM	ACCEPTED — SCHOOL COUNSELING School Counselors' Approach to Counseling Refugee Children and Families Presenters: Cameka Hazel and Sherri Barrow	A 87.8.10 — Whose Knowledge Counts? Resisting Epistemic Injustice in Counseling and Counselor Education Presenter: Dr. Claire Martin	A 25.6.30 — Trauma informed gatekeeping and counselor identity development: A framework for community advocacy through counselor education and supervision Presenters: Jacqueline Robinson and Dr. Janell Jones		
4:40–5:00 PM					POSTER PRESENTATIONS — Alba Amphitheater (90) Individual poster titles/presenters: pending verification

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23 — CONFERENCE

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TIME	XN 103	XN 105	XN 106	XN 108	ALBA AMPHITHEATER
9:30–10:30 AM	SCHOOL TRACK 20.6.30 — Advancing Equitable College and Career Counseling for Students with Disabilities Presenter: Stuart Roe	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	OPEN	A 27.6.30 - From Dysregulation to Digital Regulation: Using Polyvagal Theory, Artificial Intelligence, and Immersive Technology to Foster Attachment, Identity and Belonging Presenters: Dr. Sharon Thompson Amanda Long, MS	B 61.7.27 - The Creative Odyssey: Intermodal Expressive Arts for Every Stage of Life Presenters: Jill Kristine Weidknecht Van Horne Mary Affee Alessandra Sax Charlie Myers
10:35–11:35 AM	SCHOOL TRACK 39.7.13 — Future Proof Your Comprehensive School Counseling Program Presenter: Carol Dahir	A 88.8.12 — Strengthening Student Counselor Identity Through Intentional Course Design Presenter: Courtney East	A 36.7.10 - The Social Determinants-Based Counseling Model: Best Practices for Addressing the Social Determinants of Mental Health within Professional Counseling Presenters: Danielle Boyd Danica G. Hays, PhD	A 38.7.13 — From Clinician to Leader: Navigating Career Growth Without Losing Your Clinical Identity Presenter: Lynnsey Vandeventer	OPEN
11:40 AM–1:10 PM	MILITARY COMMITTEE LUNCH & LEARN — INVITE ONLY David Austin, LMHC, QS (Chair) Dr. Katie Kozak, LMHCA Dr. James Maiden, L.P.C., N.C.C., A.C.S. Vanessa Wilkinson, L.P.C, BC-TMH	LUNCH / NETWORKING	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 / 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	SPOTLIGHT - Part 1 of 2 32.7.2 - The Post-Deployment "Odyssey" & Veteran Belonging Presenter: Cynthia Briggs	4.6.19- Counselor Burnout, Institutional Betrayal, and Attachment Presenter: Baylee Leazer and Sarah Dixon	OPEN
2:15–3:15 PM	A 67.7.29 - Moving Toward Belonging: Embodied Connection and Professional Identity in Indian Dance Movement Therapy Presenters: Nausheen Fatma Khan Chryssoula Karakitsou	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	SPOTLIGHT - Part 2 of 2 32.7.2 - The Post-Deployment "Odyssey" & Veteran Belonging Presenter: Cynthia Briggs	REGULAR PRESENTATION 21.6.30 — Differentiating Pathology and Culture in Clients Reporting Paranormal Experiences Presenter: Andrea McGrath	OPEN
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 Presenters: Andronikos Kaliris Seth Hayden, PhD	ORAL RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM — NO CE Elite Identity: Understanding Perfectionism, Self-Worth and Attachment in Professional Tennis Players Presenter: Martin Blaho	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	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	OPEN
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	OPEN	A 44.7.17 - Integrating Career and Mental Health Interventions: Evidence and Implications Presenters: Seth Hayden Konstantina Asimakopoulou, MA	SCHOOL TRACK 76.7.30 — Neurodiversity-Affirming School Counseling: What Is It and Where Do I Begin? Presenter: Emily Goodman-Scott	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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24 — CLOSING DAY

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TIME	XN 103	XN 105	XN 106	XN 108	ALBA AMPHITHEATER
9:30–10:30 AM	OPEN — presenter withdrawn	OPEN	REGULAR PRESENTATION 46.21 — Women’s Trauma and Stress due to Infidelity and Grey Divorce Presenter: Lois T. Curry-Catanese, LPC	OPEN	SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT - Part 1 of 2 42.7.16 - Grief in Motion: Using Play, Story, and Connection to Support Grieving Students Presenters: Jennifer Money-Brady Amanda Davis, PhD
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	A 79.7.31 — The Reentry Experience of Returning Citizens from Prison Presenter: Christina Kadelski	A 82.7.31 — Identifying and Customizing Ritual to Support Bereavement Presenter: Marlise Lonn	OPEN	SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT - Part 2 of 2 42.7.16 - Grief in Motion: Using Play, Story, and Connection to Support Grieving Students Presenters: Jennifer Money-Brady Amanda Davis, PhD
11:40 AM–1:00 PM	INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE LUNCH & LEARN — INVITE ONLY Between Worlds: Immigration, Identity, and the Human Need for Connection Panelists: 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	LUNCH / NETWORKING	LUNCH / NETWORKING
1:00–2:00 PM	73.7.30 - A Cross-Disciplinary Model for Enhancing Medical School Students' Basic Counseling Skills Presenters: Daniel Cinotti Emma Kendrick, PhD	A 85.7.31 - When Procrastination Protects: Reframing ADHD in Women and Girls Through Identity Development and Belonging Presenters: LeAnn Morgan, PhD, LPC, ACS Cailen Birtles, PhD, LPC Arden Szepe, PhD, NCC	B 5.6.19 — Prioritizing Radical Wellness to Promote Thriving in Today’s Oversaturated World Presenter: Donna Dockery, PhD	B - 22.6.30 Guided by Hermes, Advised by Athena - A Lifespan Approach to Career Decision-Making Presenters: Ne'Shaun Borden, PhD; Janelle L. Jones, PhD, LPC, NCC	OPEN
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	A 30.7.1 — Teaching Sexuality Counseling: A Sex-Positive, Culturally Responsive Model Presenter: Melodie Frick, PhD, LPC, LCMHC, PPC, NCC, ACS	B 86.8.7 — What Happened Before the Substance? Trauma, Systems, and Pathways to Substance Use Presenter: Kelley Holladay	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	OPEN
3:10–4:40 PM	BREAKOUT Finding Home: Supporting Attachment, Identity, and Belonging in Immigrant and Cross-Cultural Communities Presenter: Claudette Brown-Smythe	B 41.7.15 - Proposed Culturally Reflexive Counselor Competencies for the Treatment of Eating Disorders Presenter: Alexandra Robertson	B 80.7.31 — Technology, Mental Health, and Human Flourishing Presenter: Caroline Cecile Perjessy	B 74.7.30 — Decolonizing Global Mental Health: Indigenous Healing Practices to Address Mental Health Inequities Among Multi-Marginalized Youth Presenter: T'Airra Belcher	B 33.73 Beyond the Passport: Cultivating Multicultural Competence Through International Service-Learning Presenter: Heather Summers