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# Message from the President



## *Greetings TACES Members!*

Welcome back to the start of a new school year! I am honored to serve as the President of the Texas Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (TACES) this year. I have had many mentors to assist me on this journey—Thelma Duffey, Heather Trepal, Angie Wilson, Kate Walker, Katherine Bacon, and the members of the Texas Counseling Association (TCA) SLTI team. I am excited about the array of program activities planned by the TACES board and committees this year.

My educational career in professional school counseling spans over 32 years. I am a licensed and certified school counselor (CSC), a Nationally Certified Counselor (NCC), and a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC). My doctorate degree is in Counselor Education and Supervision. I am currently a Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Texas at San Antonio and is one of the professors on record for master's level school and clinical mental health counseling courses. My advocacy role as a counselor and

counselor educator can be extended through involvement in research. In this effort, my goal is to embrace the principle of inclusion and equity for all individuals. Currently, I am serving on the editorial boards for the *Journal of Creativity in Mental Health* and the *Journal of School Counseling*. In addition to being an active member of many professional organizations, I am an author and co-editor of a university-level textbook, *Case Studies in Child and Adolescent Counseling: Developmental, Relational, Multicultural, and Systemic Perspectives*, which was released for publication in January, 2017. I share this editorship with Dr. Thelma Duffey and Dr. Shane Haberstroh, two highly regarded professionals in the field of counselor education and supervision.

The theme for this year's TACES Mid-Winter conference is *Creativity in Counselor Education and Supervision: Trends and Best Practices in Training and Treatment*. Chaired by our President-Elect, Jennifer Boswell, the Mid-Winter Conference will be held on March 1 and 2, 2018; and will provide opportunities for renewal, connections, and expansion of skills involving creativity in counseling and supervision. In addition to experiencing relevant and current topical discussions in content, roundtable, and poster sessions, Jennifer has secured a world renowned keynote speaker, Dr. Jeffrey Kottler who is a prominent and knowledgeable figure in the field of counselor education and supervision. Other offerings include updates from the Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors. On Thursday, March 1, a continued new TACES tradition, Counseling Research Day, for graduate students and counseling professionals will be spearheaded by Elizabeth Prosak. Elizabeth will launch a new effort for professionals seeking additional training on research methodologies. Counseling Research Day will be followed by a panel discussion, *Creativity in Counselor Education and Supervision: Promoting Trends and Best Practices*. Adding to this, Ernest Cox has been working hard to augment conferences, including TACES Mid-Winter, with learning institutes that will be instrumental in assisting school counselors and campus leaders in tailoring their program model to meet the myriad of student needs. Members of the board are also providing means for our membership to obtain research grants, awards, and scholarships. Jennifer, Elizabeth, and Ernest, along with the rest of the TACES board members are working diligently to provide not only great conference opportunities, but also a great year of activities and resources.

Please join us at the TACES Luncheon and Business Meeting that will be held at the TCA Professional Growth Conference in Galveston on Friday, November 17, 2017, at the San Luis Hotel Grand Ballroom C from 12 to 1 p.m. We look forward to your continued involvement in TACES. Have a wonderful year!!!!

**Brenda Jones**  
TACES President, 2017-2018



## Congratulations!

### Research Grant Recipients:

**Dr. Peggy Ceballos, UNT**  
*The Parenting Experience of  
Immigrant Latino Parents Living  
in Texas*

**Mickey E. White, UNT**  
*Development of the Transgender  
Competency Scale for Counselors*

### Advocacy Grant Recipients:

**Dr. Jessica Lloyd-Hazlett and  
Dr. Derek Robertson, UTSA**  
*Advocacy with Courage and Heart:  
Promoting Student Counselor  
Advocacy Development in  
Challenging Environments*

**Ana G. Reyes, Cynthia M.  
Bevly, Paige Lowe, UNT, CSI  
and CSJ**  
*Advocacy training for master and  
doctoral counselors-in-training, and  
counselors in the DFW area*

**Recipients were  
awarded \$500 toward  
their research and  
advocacy efforts**

# Recap of MidWinter Conference 2017

*(Bridging a Divide: Best Practices in Creating Healthy  
Communities)*

The TACES 2017 MidWinter Conference was an outstanding success thanks to the hard work and contributions of the TACES board and members. Our student poster winners this year were Ye Luo and Danielle Pester from Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi. They each received a \$200 cash prize. We collected and matched \$438 for a total donation of \$876 to support Child Safe. A special thanks goes out to all who brought their knowledge, expertise, and experience to the many wonderful presentations, and the dedicated members of the TACES board and membership who work tirelessly to put this conference together.



TACES  
members  
enjoying  
lunch at the  
TACES  
MidWinter  
Luncheon



## GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH DAY RECAP

During the Mid-Winter Conference 2017, TACES hosted the first Graduate Student Research Day. Seventy-five graduate students participated in workshops related to developing research ideas, conducting statistical analyses, and publishing manuscripts. TACES appreciates the guest presenters who shared their research knowledge during the event: Katherine Bacon, Sarah Blalock, Amanda Giordano, Michelle Hollenbaugh, Stephen Lenz, Ian Letora, Allison Pow, Dee Ray, Erkia Schmit, Michael, Schmit, Heather Trepal, Joshua Watson, and Richard Watts. The day concluded with a panel of journal editors and associate editors from various American Counseling Association division journals who shared their perspectives on counseling research and provided tips on how to be more successful with manuscript submissions. Given the day's success, the TACES board approved for the event to occur again in conjunction with Mid-Winter Conference 2018 with one big change...the event will now be a Counseling Research Day open to both students and professionals! Be looking for advertisements and registration information coming soon.

By Dr. Elizabeth A. Prosek

**Graduate students from universities all over Texas attended the workshops and learned more about the research in Counselor Education!**

The TACES Conference 2018 will continue the tradition of Grad Day with "Counseling Research Day" open to **both students & professionals** Seeking Additional Training on Research Methodologies; followed by a panel discussion, *Creativity in Counselor Education and Supervision: Promoting Trends and Best Practices*

**Stay Tuned to the Listserv for More Info!**

A BIG THANKS to Dr. Elizabeth Prosek for organizing such a fantastic event!

**Proposals Due**  
**October 31, 2018**

*March 1 and 2, 2018*

*Holiday Inn Midtown, Austin TX*

# MidWinter Conference 2018

**Keynote Speaker *Dr. Jeffrey Kottler:***  
***“Creative Storytelling”***



*“Jeffrey A. Kottler is one of the foremost authorities and prolific writers in the fields of counseling, psychology, advocacy, and education. He is the best-selling author of more than 95 nonfiction books that address a wide range of subjects including personal development, group leadership, professional development of psychotherapists and teachers, social justice, and a variety of contemporary issues related to helping and healing, leadership, creativity, and personal meaning-making. His books have been translated into more than two dozen languages and include a New York Times bestseller and a few that have been produced as feature films. Jeffrey is Clinical Professor in the Menninger Department of Psychiatry at the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston Texas. He is also Professor Emeritus at California State University, Fullerton. He is the Founder of Empower Nepali Girls, an organization that supports and mentors at-risk girls and leads service projects to assist the needs of refugees and other marginalized groups around the world.” (Quoted from <https://www.jeffreykottler.com/>)*

## Conference Theme 2018

This year’s conference theme is *Creativity in Counselor Education and Supervision: Trends and Best Practices in Training and Treatment*.

As counselor educators and supervisors we strive to develop and use creative and innovative strategies to help students and supervisees become competent counselors. We will continue with traditions such as great sessional workshops, poster displays, and an update session from the Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors. Also planned on Thursday, March 1, 2018, is our newest tradition, the second annual day-long “Grad Day.” We would also like to announce that professionals seeking additional training on research methodologies are welcome to attend the Thursday event. Costs for Thursday attendance and CEUs will be announced soon. The Thursday event will consist of breakout sessions on topics pertinent to issues relating to research and graduate students. Following this event, all TACES members will have the opportunity to attend a panel discussion, *Creativity in Counselor Education and Supervision: Promoting Trends and Best Practices*.

***Check your TACES listserv for Info and Link to Proposal Submission Form***

# Advocacy Days at the Capitol April 18, 2017



*We had an amazing turnout at the state capitol on April 18 for Advocacy Days. It was an inspiring and empowering experience for many.*

### ***The Numbers:***

- Dallas ISD -1
- DelValle ISD -1
- Houston ISD -1
- Lewisville ISD -2
- Liberty University -1
- No School Indicated -45
- SHSU -1
- SMU -4
- TAMUCC -4
- TAMUT -7
- Texas A&M - Texarkana -2
- Texas State University -4
- TSU -1
- UH -2
- UHV -6
- UNT -6
- UNT - Dallas -23
- UTSA -13
- UTT -1
- Grand Total: 125**



*TACES Representing during  
Advocacy Days at the Capitol*





## Sunset Legislation

*“Despite the efforts of amazing testimony from TACES member Katherine Bacon and others, SB 114 (the bill creating the new Behavioral Health Executive Council) never made it out from committee. The Governor signed SB20 reauthorizing the 5 boards till 2019 (Sunset is extended). The board will continue in their new location at Texas Health & Human Services Commission instead of TDSHS.”*

*- Dr. Kate Walker*

## Legislative Updates

SB 20 (Taylor, V; Gonzales) to reauthorize until 2019 the licensing boards for Licensed Professional Counselors, Social Workers, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists, Social Workers, Psychologists, Licensed Psychological Associates, Licensed Specialists in School Psychology, and Physicians was signed by the Governor.

This means the licensing boards for professional counselors, social workers, and marriage and family therapists will continue as currently structured, but will move from the Department of State Health Services to the Texas Health & Human Services Commission. The timeline and logistics for that move have not been announced.



*Master's students with Dr. Kathy Ybanez-Llorente (Texas State University) attending Advocacy Days at the Capitol.*

# Congratulations!



## **TACES Awards Scholarship Recipient: Michelle Tanner**

**Michelle Tanner** is the former Director of Forensic Mental Health Services for StarCare Specialty Health System, now serving as the Community Behavioral Health Care Director. She is a TCOLE instructor, a Mental Health First Aid Instructor and a Licensed Professional Counselor. She has degrees in Psychology, Community Counseling and is finishing up her

PhD in Counselor Education and Supervision at Texas Tech University. Michelle has worked with individuals with serious mental illness in different capacities for over 10 years. She has directed the mental health diversion team inside the Lubbock County Jail providing officer trainings such as suicide prevention, mental health first aid, motivational interviewing and working with mentally ill offenders. She currently provides oversight of all community behavioral health programs for StarCare as well as TCOOMMI. Michelle just celebrated her 19<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with her husband, Dr. Marcus Tanner. Together they have an 18 year old diva and an 11 year old ninja.

**Congratulations, Michelle!**

**We also Congratulate Blu Lavalley, also a  
Recipient of the TACES 2017 Awards Scholarship!**

## Reflections on My First TACES Leadership Role

*Amanda M. Nevárez, Ph.D., LPC-Intern*

*TACES Graduate Student Representative 2016-2017, Emerging Leader 2017-2018*



At the end of my term as TACES Graduate Student Representative, I reflect on the impact of my experience. I mainly think of how the position influenced my leadership identity. Through interactions with colleagues via my TACES role, I better realized my goals in professional leadership. I refer mostly to my contacts with fellow TACES board members, who informed me on the nature of leadership in counseling. For example, as I manned the TACES booth with other board members at the 2016 Professional Growth Conference, they shared with me their leadership experiences and provided advice and recommendations on my current and future leadership roles. At the time, I was a doctoral candidate

at The University of Texas at San Antonio and frequently pondered my professional identity after graduation. I knew I wanted to balance leadership with a teaching career, but was unsure of my ability to do so; however, through my TACES experience, I became encouraged to make the most of my role as Graduate Student Representative, as well as to continue developing my leadership skills after earning my doctorate. I was also encouraged by the conversations I had with other doctoral students that I met through TACES. For instance, at the 2017 Mid-Winter Conference, I talked with peers at the *Graduate Student Day* and learned of their experiences with professional leadership and how those experiences influenced their identities as counselors and future counselor educators. Hearing from them further cemented my desire to remain connected to TACES and other counseling associations. Thus, I accepted the opportunity to remain on the TACES board as the 2017-2018 Emerging Leader. In my new leadership role, I hope to successfully manage greater responsibilities, as well as provide guidance and support to other new leaders.

*Amanda M. Nevárez is a recent graduate from the Doctoral Counselor Education and Supervision program at The University of Texas at San Antonio. She served on the 2016-2017 TACES Board as Graduate Student Representative and is moving into her role as Emerging Leader for the 2017-2018 year.*

