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CTI 2015

Becoming a Groundbreaking Counselor In a Global Society Part II

The Counselor Training Institute was developed to provide professional development for counselors serving low-income, first generation and/or underrepresented minorities. Learn and share new skills and techniques to promote student learning and development from a global perspective.

Dates: Tuesday, June 9th – Thursday, June 11th

Location: Georgian Court University

900 Lakewood Ave, Lakewood Township, New Jersey 08701*

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CTI AT A GLANCE

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June 9, 2015

Welcome to the 2015 EOF Counselor Training Institute

I want to acknowledge the EOF Counselor Training Institute (CTI) committee and their dedication and vision to providing professional development for their EOF colleagues. I also want to thank Georgian Court University and particularly the university's EOF program for serving as gracious hosts for this year's institute.

The EOF Counselor Training Institute was initiated during the late 1970's to improve the skills and strategies employed by staff in EOF programs. At that time, there was a concern that most master's degree programs in counseling and student personnel did not provide an adequate background to address the needs of a diverse, multi-cultural, low-income population. Today, the CTI remains a key component of EOF professional development to insure program quality and staff professionalism.

For a number of counselors, the CTI serves as their introduction to the world of the "EOF professional". The content of CTI includes both theoretical and practical hands-on strategies that are effective for working with first generation, low-income and racial/ethnic minority students. Perhaps the greatest advance since the early days of the CTI has been the development of a knowledge-base of practice, literature and research on student access, counseling, retention, learning theory and programming.

The critical elements of every EOF program and the strategies to help students persist, excel, and graduate all stem from advisement, counseling and student development. A key challenge for EOF staff is to stay abreast of recent trends and adapt to the "new higher education environment" and the "new students". The goal of CTI is to help you be better prepared in your role of helping and serving students from both theoretical and practical standpoints; to develop as professionals and to help develop a supportive community of professionals among EOF staff statewide and your colleagues at your home institutions.

Best wishes for a successful training institute.

Audrey Bennerson

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EOF Statewide Director



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Advancing College Access, Affordability, & Success for Underrepresented Scholars

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June 8, 2015

Greetings,

On behalf of the Educational Opportunity Fund Professional Association of New Jersey Inc. (EOFPANJ), it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to our 2015 Counseling Training Institute!!! Over the years, this conference has served as a conduit that links counselors who assist underserved college scholars to groundbreaking strategies that lead to student success.

This year's theme "*Becoming a Ground Breaking Counselor in a Global Society*" will challenge you to think about how the services you provide prepares college students to address individuals who are located anywhere that technology is capable of reaching. It is my hope that the broad spectrum of workshop presenters, plenary participants and keynotes increase your personal wellness and maximizes your professional development.

As you reconnect with seasoned counselors or become introduced with new ones, I strongly encourage you to take advantage of the many opportunities this conference has to offer. The conference committee has done a fantastic job of creating an array of workshops, speakers and networking opportunities that will bring new energy to all who attend CTI.

Best Wishes,

Maretta L. Hodges, MSW
President, EOFPANJ Inc.,



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CTI 2015

Becoming a Groundbreaking Counselor

In a Global Society Part II

Dear EOF Counselors and Staff,

On behalf of the 2015 Counselor Training Institute conference committee, we would like to thank you for participating in our conference entitled "Becoming a Ground Breaking Counselor in a Global Society – Part II." Thank you for your self-less acts of kindness, hard work, and affinity to providing students in opportunity programs with access to higher education. Your continued commitment to the Educational Opportunity Fund and the supportive resources you provide student pursuing their endeavors is priceless.

Our committee worked diligently to offer though-provoking and interactive workshops to assist you in your professional development and personal growth. Through these workshops you will have the opportunity to explore topics that deal with self-care, mental health, leadership development and student advocacy. In addition we have renowned keynote speakers and a best-selling author who will challenge you to reach your higher potential as the gatekeepers of student potential. Take part in the networking activities where you can network with your constituents in other colleges and universities and share your experiences from your college or university.

A special thanks goes out to EOFPANJ and all CTI Conference Committee members for their tremendous efforts, patience, labor and integrity. They exemplify the term team-work to the highest degree. We would also like express our deepest gratitude to Zuri Obado, Tricia Shaw, Alexis Agosto and Lisette Herrera and for their guidance and commitment in this journey. It has been an honor serving you in this capacity. Please enjoy this conference and be sure to sign up to assist with future conferences.

Best Regards,
Joelle Falaise, Ricardo Janvier and Iris Espinosa
CTI Co-Chairpersons 2015

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10:15 AM – 11:00 AM	KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Recognizing The Dimensions of The Self Presenter: Cordelza Haynes, PhD (In Process) Description: The purpose of this presentation is to focus on the meaning and significance of the ways our lives are fragmented. We all owe our place in the helping profession to the influences known and unknown to us through social movements that preceded us, generational influences, cultural heritage and daily interactions with others both in and outside of our circle of influences. The implication is that we cannot understand our accomplishments fully as an individual endeavor but as an ongoing progression of relationships seen and unseen in our lives.
11:00 AM–12:00 PM	IN-DEPTH SPECIAL TOPIC TRAINING – (PART I) The World Needs You! Putting Our Preferences into Action! Inspiring Creativity and Connection Presenter: Connie Miller Description: We are all agents of change. The task of this generation is to cut through the illusion that we live in separate worlds. Today, if we want to change systems, we have to change human behavior; however, human behavior is not so easily changed. The main responsibility of a true leader today is to change the motivations that drive behavior, enabling people to achieve real transformation. The only way the world will be transformed is for individuals to make changes in individual levels of consciousness. When we put therapy into action we are able to help people be more conscious of the roles they play and help them to change them.
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	WELCOME/NEW COUNSELORS BBQ – CHAT AND CHEW EOF Panel: Michael Whiting, Maria Oquendo, Joy Smith Description: Meet and greet new and seasoned EOF professionals. Gain insight on how to develop and progress in EOF programs.
1:15 PM - 2:15 PM	KEYNOTE ADDRESS: "I Think I Can: Reminders and Reassurance for Student Success" Presenter: Anne Goodsell Love Description: This presentation will remind us that college student retention is a by-product of student learning and engagement, not an end in itself. Results of research about student motivation, belief in the relationship between effort and intelligence, and high-impact educational practices will be shared so that participants can return to their campuses and "break new ground" or fertilize existing programs for student success.
2:30 PM - 4:30 PM	IN-DEPTH SPECIAL TOPIC TRAINING – (PART II) Moving Students Forward through Action Presenter: Connie Miller Description: You will be taught specific techniques, such as psychodrama, sociometry, group psychotherapy and souldrama , for use with individuals, groups and families. In each training group or workshop, special attention is paid to creating a safe place to learn and practice new skills. Specific action methods tools are taught, in a step-by-step fashion, so that you can build upon your existing counseling skills.
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11:15AM –12:15 PM WORKSHOP SESSION II	WORKSHOP: Advisors Turn Up! What EOF Needs From You Presenter: Donnell Pierre Description: This workshop will focus on building our advocacy efforts through a student-centered approach. Perhaps the most powerful voice in EOF is the voice of our students. Learn how to increase student involvement and advocacy, by increasing advisor involvement and cohesion on a statewide level. The goal of this workshop is share the mission and goal of AESNJ and The Circle of Advisors for EOF.
	WORKSHOP: The Changing Brain Presenter: Roswell Perez Description: Empower your students with developing a health brain? During the “Changing Brain” workshop, we will discuss evidence-based concepts that promote healthy brain development along the improvements in academic performance and behavior, The etiology of negative and positive brain development will be explored and special attention will be given to the concept of neuroplasticity. Participants will collaborate to discuss case studies, crisis intervention techniques and learning strategies.
12:25 PM – 1:25 PM	LUNCH
1:30 PM – 2:45 PM	KEYNOTE ADDRESS: “BE The LEADER YOU WOULD FOLLOW” Presenter: Joshua Fredenburg Description: According to Jim Kouzes and Barry Posner, authors of The Leadership Challenge, one of the key attributes of effective leadership is modeling the way. In effect, effective leaders not only lead by example, but their actions as a leader positively affect others around them. In this engaging and inspirational leadership session, Joshua Fredenburg not only talks about the importance of modeling the way for your incredible student leaders, but he provides a set of practical and applicable leadership qualities that will enable you to see the power of this important leadership practice. Get ready to be empowered for success and inspired to impact the lives of your student leaders.
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM WORKSHOP SESSION III	WORKSHOP: Scholarship Search and The Impact on Financial Aid Presenter: Simone Mack-Bright Description: Millions of dollars in grants and scholarships available for college tuition. This workshop will provide information about researching and applying to scholarships beyond the first year of college. Topics include the scholarships search process, applying to scholarships and using social media to aid in the scholarship search. We will discuss the impact outside scholarships have on financial aid.
	WORKSHOP: So What, You’re Not A Wizard? You can still provide EDGE in your edge-You-cation. Presenter: Michael Fisher Description: This workshop will introduce participants to the Dorothy Effect which gives a new perspective on how to view their roles as counselors and explores effective techniques geared toward helping their students “ EASE on down the road: towards a Transformative College Experience.
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	WORKSHOP: Paradigm Pop! How Social Entrepreneurship Can Revolutionize and Revitalize Your Program Presenter: Joed Lopez Description: Global change is happening at a rate that new jobs and industries that never existed will be created by the time your current incoming freshmen graduate. Do your students need higher GPAs, or additional majors/minors? Or, do your students need a new mindset to adapt to the change that comes with a global society. Want to help your student prepare for life after college? This workshop on Social Entrepreneurship will help you with revolutionizing how you deliver the mission of your opportunity program.
10:45 PM -11:45 PM	WORKSHOP: Self-Care and The EOF Counselor Presenter: Christine Adkins-Hutchinson Description: As counselors we tend to focus on our students needs and welfare. This workshop will review the importance of counselor self-care. This workshop proposes that taking care of yourself will help you become an even better counselor.
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DR. CHRISTINE ADKINS-HUTCHISON

Dr. Christine Adkins-Hutchison currently serves as the Associate Director of the Office of Counseling and Disability Services and Kean University. There, she provides individual and group counseling to students, offers community consultation to faculty and staff, and trains students, faculty, administrative staff in a wide variety of areas from suicide prevention to conflict resolution. In addition, she coordinates and supervises the psychology training program at the Kean Counseling Center. Prior to this, she served as a Senior Staff Psychologist and Coordinator of Group Psychotherapy at the Office of Counseling, Alcohol and Other Drug, and Psychiatry Services at Rutgers University (RU-CAPS). She was an active member of the Women of Color Initiatives planning committee, a former advisor to the Paul Robeson Special Interest Section, and she served as the Counseling Center liaison to the Center for Latino Arts and Culture, the Paul Robeson Center, the Asian American Cultural Center, and the Office of Violence Prevention and Victim Assistance. As Group Coordinator, Dr. Adkins-Hutchison increased the visibility of group psychotherapy as a vital component of the services offered at the university. While at Rutgers she facilitated groups for undergraduate and graduate Women of Color and for Sexual Assault Survivors. She continues to offer Women of Color groups to undergraduate women at Kean. She maintains a particular interest in the area of diversity, multiculturalism, and social justice.

Dr. Adkins-Hutchison established a collaborative relationship with the Educational Opportunity Fund Program, in order to integrate counseling support services into the landscape of their pre-Freshman, summer program and throughout the students' tenure at the university. This resulted in students gaining the opportunity to interact in an informal way with a psychologist, thereby decreasing the stigma associated with mental health services, and increasing the likelihood that students at risk would seek counseling when necessary. She has continued this valuable work at Kean in order to facilitate access, for a largely ethnic minority population of students, to services which they might not otherwise take advantage of, due to the stigma within their communities associated with seeking psychological support.

Dr. Adkins-Hutchison also works in a private group psychotherapy practice in Freehold, NJ with adolescents, young adults, and adults, and families. She received her B.A. in psychology from Princeton University and her Psy.D. in Clinical Psychology from the Graduate School of Applied and Professional Psychology (GSAPP), Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey.



MARJORIE BLICHARZ

Marjorie (Marjie) Blicharz is the Education Specialist with the DCF Office of Educational Support & Programs within the Office of Adolescent Services, under contract with Foster and Adoptive Family Services (FAFS). Marjie earned her B.A. in Sociology and Non-Profit Community Development, with Minors in Women's and Gender Studies, and Religious Studies from The College of New Jersey. Marjie also graduated from

Clemson University in Clemson, SC with her M.Ed in Counselor Education-Student Affairs. Marjie's professional experience includes her work as a Graduate Community Director within Housing and Residence Life, with liaison positions in Diversity Education and Alcohol Education while at Clemson. She also served as the Summer Conference Coordi-

nator at Johns Hopkins University as the Association of College and University Housing Officers- International (ACUHO-I) intern within Summer Conferences in University Housing and Dining. Most recently, she served as a Community Development Coordinator, Orientation professional staff member, and advisor to one of the school's multicultural student organizations at the College of the Holy Cross. Her transition from Student Affairs and Higher Education led her to her work at DCF to support adolescents in their educational pursuits, post-secondary plans and overall life transitions.

MICHAEL D. FISHER

"You Have Been Created For SO MUCH MORE!" Michael D. Fisher is the founder and CEO of So Much More Enterprises, and his message to his global audience is "You Have Been Created For So Much More!" Michael D. feels privileged to be among those who travel the world helping people discover the giant within themselves. In addition to his belief that we are all born for greatness, Michael D. is also aware of the ever-present temptations we face to disbelieve or distrust our own extraordinary potential. Thus, he comes as a beam of light, hope, value, and courage to youth and adult audiences alike, ushering us to a place of living, working, and feeling AWESOME!

Having been born in Neptune, NJ, Michael D. is no stranger to leadership, education, and service. He possesses a BA in English Secondary Education from The College of New Jersey and a Master of Divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary. He has served in the US Army National Guard, volunteered as an associate chaplain for a NJ State maximum security prison, and is an ordained minister, preaching since the age of 15. Michael D. is also an adjunct professor of English and Philosophy for several colleges throughout New Jersey. If you have a dream to do great things, Michael D. wants you to conceive it, hold that dream up right before your face, and ask yourself this one question: "Why Not You?"



JOSHUA FREDENBURG

Joshua Fredenburg is a Nationally Recognized Speaker, Best Selling Author, Gen. Y Television Commentator, and Leadership-Relationship-Diversity Expert that is on a mission to empower at least 1 BILLION LEADERS WORLDWIDE with effective leadership, career, relationship, and success strategies that will

enable them to make a positive impact in their community, nation, and world!

For the past seven years, Joshua has appeared as a television guest on BET, the Wayne Brady Show, the KTLA Morning Show in Los Angeles, the Daily Buzz Nation Morning Show, and many other familiar radio and television programs throughout the country. He has also served as a dynamic Keynote Speaker in 44 different states across the country for lectures, leadership conferences, retreats, and trainings at high schools, colleges, non-profit organizations, and different corporate events.

In addition to his successful speaking and television career, Joshua has published five books and has developed an annual national leadership conference, Circle of Change Leadership Conference, that prepares student leaders in college for executive-level leadership positions after graduation and connects student leaders with executives from companies such as Pepsi, Columbia Pictures, Hewlett Packard, CNN, UPS, MTV, VH-1, NBC Universal, IBM, Warner Brothers, Chipotle, Disney,

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and Fox to name a few. He also mentors and coaches student leaders throughout the country, writes a popular monthly newsletter on issues that revolves around leadership, career, and relationship success, serves as a spotlight series coordinator for the NASPA Student Leadership Programs Knowledge Community, is pursuing a PhD in Organizational Leadership at Nova Southeastern College, serves on the Board of Directors for the Lois Swan Leadership Center at California State University, Long Beach, and recently received a community service award from the Young Professionals Urban League of Los Angeles for his service to emerging leaders in college.

As a keynote speaker, Joshua has been well received by a variety of different audiences for his amazing energy, inspiring and engaging messages, insightful wisdom, knowledge, and strong commitment to help emerging and seasoned leaders become great leaders of the 21st Century. He has also been very popular amongst high school and college audiences because of his positive attitude, exciting presentations, authentic message and his strong ability to connect and make his message relatable to diverse audiences throughout the country.



ANNE GOODSSELL LOVE

Anne Goodsell Love, Ph.D., is Associate Provost for Assessment at Wagner College, coordinating college-wide assessment efforts. Dr. Love co-chairs the Committee on Learning Assessment and the Data Committee; her other work includes research about student well-being and engaged learning. She also teaches graduate courses in Higher Education. Previously at Wagner she was Dean of the College, overseeing most aspects of student affairs. Since 2003 she has been Co-Director of the Atlantic Center for Learning Communities, a collaborative leadership network that supports professional development of faculty members and administrators. Prior to her work at Wagner she was Assistant Dean of University College at The University of Akron, and Coordinator of Learning Communities at Temple University; at both universities she led the creation and implementation of learning communities for various populations of undergraduate students. She earned a bachelor's degree in Psychology from St. Lawrence University, a master's in Counselor Education from the Pennsylvania State University, and a doctorate in Higher Education from Syracuse University.

Publications include:

Love, A. G. The growth and current state of learning communities in higher education, in Buch, K. & Barron, K. (Eds.) *New Directions for Teaching and Learning, Discipline-Centered Learning Communities: Creating Connections among Students and Faculty within a Major*. (2012), San Francisco: Jossey-Bass.

Love, A. G., Dietrich, A., Fitzgerald, J., & Gordon, D. (2014). Integrating collaborative learning in and out of the classroom. In Major, C., & Mickelsen, L. (Eds.) *Journal of Excellence in College Teaching*.



CORDELZA D. HAYNES

Cordelza Haynes has been a higher education professional over 20 years. This means that she has acquired some experiences that each day she tries to impart to others within the multiple aspects of her life. In this context, she has worked with inter-generational groups, and these have included single mothers, youth on the fringes of life, LGBTQ identified persons, members of the poor working-class, those whose

lives have been affected by HIV, the grief stricken, the forgotten. Her philosophy about life, as a result of some of those years, is that her life and all life are interconnected in ways that are not always immediately or fully comprehended. It is the recognition of these connections that engage our humanity. We as humans also bear an ethical responsibility to act upon this awareness in ways that uplift and recognize the humanity and dignity of all our fellow human beings.

Ms. Haynes, originally from the Bronx, New York City, has completed her first year of course work as a PhD student at Drew University in the Graduate Division of Religion. She holds both the MA in Student Personnel Services in Higher Education, and the Master of Divinity. Her studies and travels include the psychology and anthropology of religion with relevance for pastoral care, as well as the ethics of care. Within this context, Ms. Haynes has been studying Diasporic religious practices. Furthermore, she has presented two papers for the Drew Transatlantic Conference, her most recent paper being "Reconciliation as the (Re)Imagination of the National Identity" which focuses on the Irish peace process.

Her work in the field of student personnel services and administration in higher education includes her current role as the Director of the Educational Opportunity Scholars Program, since the year 2000 at Drew University. Prior to this she was employed by the William Patterson University and Ramapo College of NJ.

As Ms. Haynes looks at life processes from a holistic perspective, she is always seeking ways to bridge what she sees as the ways in which people [in a Western context] lead fragmented lives. Thus, she leads workshops on life coaching that engage the multi-dimensional self, as well as workshops on journaling, and development of spiritual/personal awareness in life.



JOED LOPEZ

I was born and raised in Camden, New Jersey as a pastor's kid. I graduated from Montclair State University where I studied Sociology and minored in Business Administration. I've been an Admissions Recruiter, Academic Counselor, Assistant Director (all at Caldwell University in New Jersey) and currently a Regional Director of Student Programs for the National Society of Leadership and Success. I help students start leadership clubs with a twist (they have to earn their

membership through a 10-12 hour experiential leadership program broken up in 8 highly engaging events over the course of a semester). The chapters I have started range from small private schools to large state institutions positively impacting thousands of students in the area of leadership development every year. I also have a book that I will publish by the end of the year. Out of all my titles my favorite is family man. I am married with a beautiful baby girl. Simply put, I am passionate about making a difference in the education and nonprofit sector. My interests are education, technology, organizational development, productivity, philosophy/religion, and oh, can't forget this one, politics. Because I am constantly thinking and talking about the cross section of all of these crazy and cool things, I speak, write, and do consulting as a means to share and help others in a fun and honest way. I started is called a consulting firm Panvisio.org.

PRESENTER BIOGRAPHIES

SIMONE MACK-BRIGHT

Simone Mack-Bright is a Senior Counselor for the School of Arts & Science EOF Program at Rutgers University. Mrs. Mack-Bright earned a Master's in Student Personnel Administration in Higher Education from New York University and a Bachelors in Psychology and History from Rutgers University. Mrs. Mack-Bright served as the Chair for the Educational Opportunity Fund Statewide Alumni Association and she currently serves as the University of New Jersey Public Research Institutions Sector Representative for EOFANJ, Inc.



CONNIE MILLER

Connie Miller, ACS, MS, TEP, LPC, NCC, ASGW is the owner and founder of both the Spring Lake Heights Counseling Center and the International Institute for Souldrama®. A highly sought after speaker, trainer and workshop presenter, she has been practicing individual, marital, family and group psychotherapy for adults and children for over 25 years.

Connie is a trainer, educator, and practitioner of group psychotherapy and psychodrama and is renowned in her field as a trainer of action methods, transpersonal psychologist, innovator, author, and teacher. Connie created Souldrama® in 1997, which is a seven-stage process of spiritual transformation that integrates psychology, spirituality, and creativity enabling individuals to move forward in their lives, especially after years of therapy. Connie has written two books and several articles. She is the creator for the new action model for the 12 step recovery program and recipient of the T. Duffy ACA and ASGPP award for innovation and creativity. Her work has been published in numerous professional journals and in several languages. Her most recent publication, *Starve the Ego: Feed the Soul*, is contributing all profits to a scholarship fund for training pastoral counselors in Indonesia. Connie has guest-lectured at universities, professional conventions, and conducted workshops in England, Italy, Greece, Portugal, India, Indonesia, Brazil, Portugal, Holland, Lithuania, Latvia, Moldova, Austria and Romania as well as throughout the United States. Recently Souldrama had been named as the new action model for addictions and 12 step recovery program.

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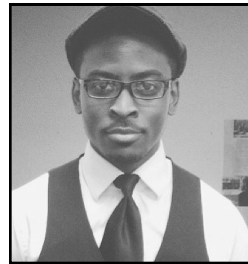
ROSWELL PEREZ

Roswell Perez, founder of Holistic Therapy Solutions, LLC, is a licensed psychotherapist, bodywork therapist, and holistic health practitioner. He has extensive experience in mental health & addictions treatment along with alternative medicine for pain management. However, Roswell's real inspiration for Holistic Therapy Solutions came from his own personal experience.

In 2009, Roswell was working in the ER as a psychiatric screener and received both the flu and H1N1 vaccinations on the same day. Immediately after, Roswell experienced severe symptoms that included burning aches in the middle of his spine, nausea, and numbness and tingling sensations on his extremities and face. The symptoms were ongoing for an entire year, causing him to visit every single specialist available. Roswell was only prescribed pain medication to deal with the pain and given little explanation for the symptoms he was experiencing. The pain, frustration, and need for answers became almost unbearable for him.

As a result, Roswell decided to find his own answers and heal himself. He began conducting extensive research and use non-invasive thera-

pies to treat his symptoms. Roswell is now pain free and credentialed in the practices that improved his own health. If you are looking for non-invasive alternatives to improve your own health and achieve sobriety, please do not hesitate to contact him



DONNELL PIERRE

Donnell Pierre is a Student Development Specialist and adjunct professor at Seton Hall University. As a professional, he has been a member of the EOF family for over 9 years.

He has served the EOF community as a member of the EOFANJ executive board and as an AESNJ advisor. He is the founder of BLACK MEN OF STANDARD, a student organization focused the retention and cohesion of

male students at Seton Hall. He is, most importantly, honored to present at this Counselor's Training Institute.

EDGAR RIVERA COLON, PHD

A sexuality/gender and medical anthropologist, he has spent over a decade engaged in training frontline African American and Latino/a LGBT HIV/AIDS preventionists in the use of ethnographic research methods in developing community-level interventions. His dissertation, *Getting Life in Two Worlds: Power and Prevention in the New York City House Ball Community*, is an ethnographic study of House Ball community leaders who are preventionists and their efforts to fashion meaningful lives out of the material and symbolic resources afforded by both an autonomous African American and Latino/a LGBT alternative kinship system and dance performance circuit and the world of HIV/AIDS prevention and intervention not-for-profit organizations. An expert in Latino gay male sexual cultures and HIV, he regularly trains state-level public health professionals in cultural competency in working with Latin@ LGBT communities in the United States. Most recently, he published "Between the Runway & the Empty Tomb: Bodily Transformation and Christian Praxis in New York City's House Ball Community" in an edited volume by Dr. Samuel Cruz entitled, *Christianity and Culture in the City: A Postcolonial Approach*. Member, Community Advisory Board of Hetrick-Martin Institute, New York City's premier LGBTQ youth services; co-founder, Arbert Santana Ballroom Archive and Oral History Project.



