



American Rehabilitation Counseling Association

NEWSLETTER

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From the President: ACA Conference 2011



This newsletter focuses primarily on the ACA 2011 conference in New Orleans, Louisiana. For this reason, my message will highlight items relevant to the conference.

Most of 2010 and, so far, 2011, was spent collaborating with other rehabilitation counseling organizations to present a strong, unified lobbying effort with regard to counselor licensure issues. Recent decisions by the Institute of Medicine and the Veteran's Administration (VA) will restrict the practice options of licensed rehabilitation counselors. Carrie

Wilde and I worked with leaders from the National Rehabilitation Counseling Association (NRCA), the National Rehabilitation Association (NRA), the Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification (CRCC), and the Council on Rehabilitation Education (CORE) to form a consortium that could respond quickly to these threats to rehabilitation counselors who are licensed to practice. One example is a letter we wrote to the VA's human resources office in which we requested that they reconsider their decision and allow graduates from CORE-accredited programs who are licensed counselors to provide services to veterans.

Along with NRCA, NRA, CRCC, and CORE, ARCA has taken the position that rehabilitation counselors who are licensed to practice should be allowed to provide mental health counseling services to any person in need, including active military and veterans. When you come to ACA this year, you may hear some of these issues being discussed. Please don't hesitate to speak your mind on this issue and request that the ARCA leadership and ACA leadership continue to advocate for the full inclusion of rehabilitation counselors in legislative efforts related to counselor licensure.

As you know, **NyKeisha Moore** and **Quiteya Walker** have worked diligently to develop a program for ARCA student members that will complement the conference program. These ancillary events are designed to encourage student involvement and make students' experience rewarding and pleasant. If you are a student or professional member wanting to interact with student members, pay close attention to the article, "Student Wave: Students Get Ready!" in this newsletter.

For the past year, I have been working closely with **Carrie Wilde** to establish collaborative relationships with leaders of professional organizations that represent practicing rehabilitation counselors. We are pleased that the CRCC and the CORE are partnering with us so the ARCA booth will be focused on the practice of rehabilitation counseling rather than just professional membership. For more information, please read the article on page 2 of this newsletter titled "ARCA Booth Offers 'One-Stop Shop'."

I look forward to seeing you in New Orleans, continuing to represent you as President, and working diligently on the strategic goals of the association.

Frank J. Lane, Ph.D., CRC
ARCA President, February 1, 2011

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Contribute to the newsletter:

Student's corner, articles, and special issues highlighting current concerns and trends within the field are welcome. Contact the editor if you would like to contribute or have ideas.



ACA Conference • **New Orleans, LA** • **March 23 – 27, 2011**
Ernest N. Morial Convention Center and
Hilton New Orleans Riverside Hotel

Snapshot of ARCA Planned Events

Wednesday, March 23rd

ARCA Board Meeting

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 24th

ARCA Board Meeting

8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Friday, March 25th

ARCA First Timer Student Orientation

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

ARCA Reception

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 26th

RCB Editorial Board Meeting

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

ARCA Student Activities

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

ARCA Brunch & Business Meeting

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

ARCA Emerging Leadership Workshop

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

ARCA Student Research Forum

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Striving for Global Unity:

Multiple and Diverse Approaches for
Emerging Professionals Forum and Reception

6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

ARCA Booth Offers “One-Stop-Shop” for All Things Rehab

ARCA is pleased to sponsor an **exhibit booth** during the 2011 ACA Conference in New Orleans. The booth will take on a unique role this year as we offer information about all things rehabilitation. In addition to valuable information about ARCA, the booth will offer information about the **Commission on Rehabilitation Counseling Certification (CRCC)**, the **Council on Rehabilitation Education (CORE)**, and the **Alliance** (joint venture between ARCA and NRCA), along with other rehabilitation resources and partnerships. Our goal is to provide our members, prospective members, and anyone interested in the field of rehabilitation counseling with the information they need about our field, programs, organization, and activities.

If you are coming to ACA, please make the effort to stop by the ARCA/Rehab booth. Know someone interested in rehabilitation but not sure how to get involved? ... Bring them along! There will be something for everyone.

Booth Location:

ACA Exhibit Hall

Hours:

4 p.m. Thursday, March 24th, to
4 p.m. Saturday, March 26th.

Joseph Keferl, RhD, CRC
Chair, Council on Research
and Knowledge



Student Wave: Students Get Ready!

Greetings,

It is my pleasure to provide an update on **ARCA-sponsored student activities** for the ACA 2011 Conference and Exposition, March 23 – 27, 2011, in New Orleans. We welcome all students, faculty members, and practitioners to join the host of activities planned during the conference.

Are you interested in starting a student chapter or do you want to become an Associate or Regional Representative? Well, join us on Friday, March 25th, at 4 p.m., and you can obtain information on how to get started.

The student focus continues at the **ARCA Reception**, where the 2011 **ARCA Doctoral Student of the Year** and **Master's Student of the Year** will receive their awards. We recognize how hard you work as students, so please come out and support your peers as they are honored.

ARCA also is sponsoring **student presentations** with the theme of *"Rehabilitation Counseling with Special Populations."* We received numerous proposals and the decision was tough, but the Student Proposal Review Committee selected four outstanding presentations. You won't want to miss out on the effective strategies and innovations for use when working with special populations in rehabilitation counseling that these individuals will offer.

Last—but most definitely not least—will be the annual **Student Research Forum** in which we showcase research conducted by students from various rehabilitation counseling programs. You will hear about the latest and greatest happenings in the rehabilitation counseling profession.

Although these are student activities, we welcome and encourage support of faculty, staff, and administrators, so please join us! For more detailed information, see the schedule on this page.

Quiteya Walker, PhD
Student Task Force Representative

Schedule of Student Activities

Friday, March 25th

ARCA Student Orientation

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

ARCA Reception

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Student Awards to be Presented:
Master's and Doctoral Students of the Year

Saturday, March 26th

ARCA Student Presentations:

"Rehabilitation Counseling with Special Populations"

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

9:00 a.m. – 10:15 Utilizing Theory	1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Innovative Practices
<p>9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. A Cognitive Behavioral Program Model for Treating Depression Presenter: Jessica Dunn <i>Edinboro University of Pennsylvania</i></p>	<p>1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Next Level of Success: Strategies for Incorporating Spirituality into Counselor and Rehabilitation Practices Presenters: Michelle Bradham-Cousar & Silvia Blance <i>University of South Florida</i></p>
<p>9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Using Person Centered Therapy with Soon-to-Be Released Female Prisoners Presenters: Kayce Strong, Victoria Sanders, & Dru Nelson <i>Edinboro University of Pennsylvania</i></p>	<p>1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Humanizing GLBT Disabilities: A Multi-cultural Perspective of GLBT Issues Presenters: Miguel Fernandez, Jr., Maricella Roche, & Clayton Martin <i>Barry University</i></p>

ARCA Student Research Forum

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.



ARCA-Sponsored Rehabilitation Sessions

90-Minute Presentation:

**The 2010 CRC Code of Ethics One Year Later:
Insight and Impact on Ethical Practice**

Lorie J. McQuade and Nancy Favaloro, [Presenters](#)

60-Minute Presentations:

**Factors Influencing the Reasonable
Accommodation Process:
A Focus Group Approach**

Spalatin N. Oire, [Presenter](#)

**Collaborative Recovery in Action:
Innovative Service Agencies Initiated in
Post-Katrina New Orleans**

Henry McCarthy, [Presenter](#)

30-Minute Poster Presentations

**The Relationship Between Spirituality and
Trauma in Women Who Abuse Substances**

Shari Sias, Karen Weiss Ogden, and Nathalie
Mizelle, [Presenters](#)

**Exploring Resilience and Quality of Life
Among OEF/OIF Veterans with
Disabilities**

Amy J. Armstrong and Carolyn Hawley, [Presenters](#)

**LGBT and Disability:
Moving Beyond Multiculturalism**

Katharine Fuerth, Karen Shatz, Lee Ann Teufel, and
Shirley Murdock, [Presenters](#)