



THE ALPHA CHAPTER OF CSI NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2024

OUR TOPICS

- News from the Alpha Chapter Events and the Department
- Interview with Dr. Tom DAVIS, Professor Emeritus
- Events Coming Up Soon



First Day Snowfall-College Green
Photo by Rich-Joseph Facun



Ice-Cream Social

The Alpha Chapter of CSI hosted an ice-cream social on August 25, 2023, to welcome new students to the department.

New students had a chance to meet with second year students and to engage with each other and build community. 8.25.23



Professional Development Event: LGBTQIA+ Inclusion 101

Sarah Doherty, Assistant Director of the OHIO LGBT Center provided an enlightening session how we can make respect visible in our social and professional lives.

This presentation focused on increasing our culturally sensitivity and we became familiar with terminology and experiences related to gender and sexual diversity. 11.13.23



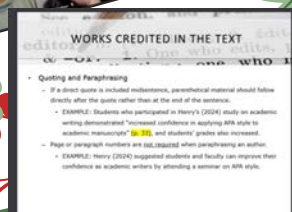
Jingle and Mingle: Holiday Event

We had a great night with pizza, Josh's special paint reading, and spending time with Rinda (LPCC-S) and her charming therapy dog. After nourishing our body and soul, we had an amazing time with Josh's choreography for the group, with doing traditional dances from around the world and listening to lovely Christmas songs from Phiba and Sarah Hatch. It was great to share these moments with Dr. Bhat and Dr. Foreman. 12.8.23



APA Writing

Thanks to Dr. Sara Henry for providing us the essentials of academic writing. Dr. Henry has expertise in APA style and works with graduate and doctoral students as a writing coach and editor. Seeing Dr. Henry's interest and excitement in APA style was a relief for our concerns about academic writing. 2.23.24



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Conference Attendance



It has been a busy conference season with the ACES in Denver, the AOCC in Columbus, and the ASGW in Portland.

Ohio University students and faculty attended and presented at both conferences.

Dr. Bhat received the Tom Davis Outstanding Mentoring Award at the AOCC in 2023. Congratulations Dr. Bhat !

Mentorship Program



The Alpha Chapter of CSI organized a mentorship program to promote collaboration between students and to provide first year students both support and encouragement in personal and professional development. Thanks to all the mentors and mentees who signed up. We began this program in October 2023.

Recent Publications

! Ph.D. student Aysegul Erçevik and co-author Dr. Tugba Turk Kurtca Erçevik, A., & Türk Kurtça, T. (2023). The experience of being the first client of novice counselors in Türkiye from the client's perspective. *SAGE Open*, 13(3). <https://doi.org/10.1177/21582440231183964>

! Dr. Bilal Urkmez and Ph.D. Student Sunder Singhani Urkmez, U. & Singhani, S. (2023) Effectiveness of experiential group training in developing leadership self-efficacy of counselors-in-training, *The Journal for Specialists in Group Work*, 48(4), 335-346. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01933922.2023.2246538>

! Ph.D. student Kailey Bradley and Ibrahim Akmes, and Dr. Kristin Chamberlain Bradley, K., Akmes, I., & Chamberlain, K. (2024). Meaning reconstruction after suicide Loss. *Illness, Crisis & Loss, Online First*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/10541373241232205>

Congratulations!

Interview with Dr. Tom Davis

What does "advocating for counseling" mean to you?



Advocacy is my responsibility.

My advisor and mentor, Dr. Sears, was the reason, without question, why how I became an advocate for the profession. Appreciation, passion, and absolute necessity to advocate for our profession. That's where I learned it from her. .. We're the ones responsible for the laws and regulations that we have.

Others aren't going to do it for us, so somebody some of us have to forward and make sure that happens. So, I've always seen that as a part of my responsibility.

What are the pivotal moments you remember when advocating for counseling?

- **Counseling Licensure:** My mentor, Susan Sears, was the first to be appointed to the Ohio state licensing board. I was involved at the boots-on-the-ground level of seeing our licensure law passed in Ohio.
- **Counselors and psychological assessment:** One of our former doctoral graduates was doing MMPI as a part of his diagnostic assessments. He received a notice of Cease and Desist from the Psychology Board. I contacted our attorneys for a formal opinion whether we could do this. That formal opinion on psychological assessments for counselors was very huge for us because it really spoke to our ability to assessment.
- **Changes in requirements for application to school counseling program:** Martin Ritchie, from Toledo, and I started doing research and found no evidence supporting the idea that a person should be a teacher before they become a school counselor. We applied to the board to change the requirement to be a teacher before a school counselor. They approved that it passed.
- **Paradigma change in CACREP standards:** While serving on the CACREP board (as chair), we made major changes in 2009. Before that, standards were primarily teaching focused, but now they focus on what students should learn before they enter the profession. It was a paradigm shift.

What do you think about counseling students' current actions in advocating for our field?

One of the things that our program has always done a very good job of is encouraging students to become involved and active in our professional associations. I think that's really important. But at the doctoral level, it's a little easier. Leadership is a part of your core educational requirements. I think to be able to encourage students to sit on state committees of various associations, whether it's with OCA or other options that there are for students to step up and take part in some of those, We have to know what we're advocating for.

What are your recommendations for counseling students advocating for our field?

At the master's level, it is primarily being exposed and there are kind of broad brushed areas that they can be much more involved in. If we have a piece of legislation that's coming up and we need people to write letters of support for that, well, master students can do that. Because they can get the basic idea and they are citizens. All of us can often voice our opinions about issues. So, those are the kind of things where the Masters students can be most effective.

Dr. DAVIS: You're either gonna be an advocate and out there working for the profession, or you're going to be the person who simply gets to take advantage of it and moves along.

Thank you! The Alpha Chapter of CSI members for choosing to advocate our profession and many Thanks to DR. TOM DAVIS for sharing his wisdom with our members

COMING SOON!!!

- Trends of Community Mental Health by Micki Lamb, LPCC-S, March 5, 2024, at 6.30 PM
- SEOCA mini conference-March 15, 2024, Room 232-234
- Scholarly Writing by Dr. Laura Harrison, March 22, 2024, at 4 PM
- • INITIATION CEREMONY, March 24, 2024, at 4 PM, Baker Center. Dr. Holly Hartwig Moorhead, CEO of CSI, will join us virtually.
- OCA ADVOCACY DAY- April 9, 2024



Celebrate spring with the Cherry Blossoms at Ohio University



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