The M.S.Ed. in Counseling Program in the Department of Counseling & Human Services is the recipient of the 2016 Robert Frank Outstanding Counselor Education Program Award from the Association for Counselor Education & Supervision. This national honor is awarded every year, and the Doctoral Program in Counseling & Human Services received the same award in 2010. The Robert Frank award honors excellence in standards, innovation, and contributions to the field. Eligible recipients include all graduate counselor education programs throughout the United States. For further questions about this award, please contact the graduate program director for Counseling & Human Services Jeff Moe at jmo@odu.edu.

Drs. Kemer, Del Corso, Grothaus, Krahwinkel, and McAuliffe were presented with the award at the Southern Association for Counselor Education & Supervision biennial conference in New Orleans, LA.
Top 40 Under 40 Hampton Roads

On October 18, 2016 Dr. Sparkman-Key was honored by Inside Business and Virginia Pilot at the "Top 40 Under 40 Hampton Roads" awards ceremony for her leadership and service in the

Dr. Tammi Dice—President of the National Organization for Human Services!

Dr. Tammi Dice, Associate Professor of Counseling and Human Services and Human Services Program Director was elected President of the National Organization for Human Services at the NOHS national convention in October, 2016. Founded in 1975, NOHS is a non-profit organization for human services practitioners, students and educators. The organization strives to expand the field of human services, promote professional and organizational identity, and advocate for a social policy and agenda. She is delighted for the opportunity to serve this important organization.
**Dr. Chaniece Winfield**—awarded the Teaching Innovation and Excellence Award in 2016 for demonstrating innovative teaching methods, using technology, guest speakers and experiential learning. In addition, she received positive student and faculty reviews by having an above 4 student opinion average in 20 different courses since the Fall of 2013 and success in developing and modification of human service courses. She has also obtained positive teaching reviews every year since being at ODU (2013).

**Dr. Jeffrey Moe**— received the John R. Broderick Diversity Champion Award. Dr. Moe was recognized as the Diversity Champion by the Office of Institutional Diversity and Equity for encouraging and advancing the principles of equity and diversity and promoting the positive impact diversity has upon our university community.
Welcome New Counseling Faculty, Dr. Shawn Ricks

Dr. Shawn Arango Ricks is an Associate Professor in the Department of Counseling and Human Services at Old Dominion University. She received her Ph. D. from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in Educational Leadership and Cultural Foundations, her M. Ed. (Counselor Education) and B.A. from The Pennsylvania State University, University Park. Dr. Ricks has been an invited speaker, trainer, and facilitator in the areas of diversity, equity and social justice for numerous organizations. She has published widely on issues of social justice, equity and diversity. Her research interests include the psychosocial development of Black women in the academia, the connection between Black women’s mental health and physical health, and raising Black children in “post-racial” America.

Dr. Ricks is a Licensed Clinical Addictions Specialist (Associate) and a Licensed Professional Counselor (Associate) and serves clients in her Winston-Salem office. She has also been certified through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) in Preventing Long Term Anger and Aggression in Youth (PLAAY) and Strengthening Families. She was one out of nine women selected nationally to act as a Leadership Coach for the SAMHSA Women in Addictions Services Leadership Institute, which draws women from the United States and abroad.

TEDx Talk

Dr. Shawn Ricks was invited to deliver a TEDx Talk on October 27th at TEDx Winston-Salem Women. Her talk “Changing the Font: Why now is the time for women to write their own stories” discussed the importance of women taking ownership of their experiences and their lives. Participants were encouraged to “Write their own stories” by utilizing four steps: 1. Picking their title 2. Writing a Chapter at a time 3. Being Open to Edits, and 4. Don’t skip to the ending. The talk should be available on Youtube by the end of November.
Welcome New Counseling Faculty, Dr. Jude Austin

Jude T. Austin II, Ph.D., NCC

Dr. Jude Austin is an Assistant Professor of Counseling and Human Services. He is originally from Lafayette, Louisiana. Prior to his career in academia, he was a collegiate and professional soccer player. He received a Ph.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision from the University of Wyoming, an M.A. in Clinical Mental Health Counseling and a B.S. in Psychology from the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor.

His clinical experiences involve substance abuse counseling, athletic counseling, working with the college population, and severely mentally ill individuals. His research interests include therapeutic presence, counseling pedagogy, psychophysiological aspects of the therapeutic relationship, and substance abuse.

He enjoys watching Arsenal Football Club, playing soccer, running, weight lifting and being with his family and friends.
Welcome New Doctoral Students!

Melanie Burgess is a first-year Ph.D. student and a graduate research/teaching assistant in the Department of Counseling and Human Services. Melanie earned her M.S.Ed. in Counseling from ODU with a concentration in School Counseling. As a graduate research assistant, she developed a strong research interests in school counselor preparation and supervision, data-driven comprehensive school counseling programs, and mental health concerns in school settings. Melanie has experience in elementary and high school settings, as well as a psychosocial day program for adults with moderate to severe mental health disorders. Melanie has presented at state and national conferences on Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports, meeting the needs of students with Autism Spectrum Disorders, giftedness, mental health stigma in K-12 settings, and anxiety disorders in children and adolescents. She has recently co-authored a publication on counseling children and adolescents with Sensory Processing Disorder and is an active member of Chi Sigma Iota, serving previously as the Professional Development Chair and currently as the President-Elect of the Omega Delta Chapter. Melanie loves all things outdoors – in her spare time, she can be found hiking, backpacking, or heading to the beach with her spouse and dog!

Nicole Snyder—I grew up in northwest DC and moved to Ireland at twenty, living there for eight years. While living in Ireland I began working in social services and continued doing so when I returned to the United States while living in Oregon. At the University of Oregon I received my bachelor's degree in International Studies. Two years later I decided to change careers from social services to mental health and returned to school and got my master's at Loyola University Maryland in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. I am thrilled to be at Old Dominion and to live in this area.

Liz Boyd was born and raised in Virginia Beach. She earned a Bachelors degree in Psychology from Radford University and a Masters degree in Higher Education from Old Dominion University. Liz has a background in residence life and orientation, as well as other areas of student affairs. Liz completed her Counseling Education Specialist degree from ODU in August and is excited to be starting the Ph.D. program. Liz's primary interest area includes grief and bereavement. When not studying, Liz enjoys spending time with her husband, Phillip, newborn baby girl, Brooklyn, and their three pugs.
Welcome New Doctoral Students!

George Wilson

Moving to Virginia to start a PhD program at ODU was one of the biggest decisions I’ve ever had to make. I was born and spent my whole life in Philadelphia but something told me that it was time to make a move. As an undergraduate at Chestnut Hill College in Philadelphia I was able to double major in both Psychology and Elementary Education. After graduation, I was fortunate enough to work as a middle school teacher for the School District of Philadelphia. The experience I’ve gained while working in some of the toughest neighborhoods in Philadelphia is what motivated me to continue my education. While teaching, I started a school counseling master’s program at Villanova University. Two years after graduating from Villanova, I applied to ODU with the hopes of one day becoming a professor of counseling. It was with mixed emotions that I told my students that I was saying goodbye to them to start a PhD program at ODU.

T’Airra Belcher

I am from Richmond, Va and an alumni of Old Dominion University’s Master in Counseling Program. I am an active member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc and enjoy being activity in the community. Prior to coming to the PhD program I worked at a residential treatment facility in Richmond, VA. I enjoy playing and listening to music and just being out in nature. I am looking forward to this experience.

We also welcome to the program:
Sonja Lund, Chi Li, Zahide Sunal, and Gregory Lemich!
(photo and bios’ were not available)
Students stayed in a beautiful, rustic, and authentic villa in the countryside of Tuscany, "Casa Cares," while soaking in the art, history, food, and architecture during day trips to surrounding cities. We were mesmerized by works of art by Michelangelo and Botticelli (to name two), visited the Leaning Tower of Pisa, rode bicycles on the wall of Lucca, and climbed countless watch towers for breathtaking views of the Tuscan landscape. Students learned about the counseling profession in Italy, and how organic farming on the "Casa Cares" land became a therapeutic experience for the farmer, Giordano.

Students savored homemade Italian cuisine, indulged in gelato, and sampled fine Italian wine all while receiving credit towards their degree. Some would say this was a life changing experience and others would say it was a bucket list item; either way - if you think you’d enjoy this experience considering joining the faculty for the Summer 2017 trip! You won’t be disappointed.

The Italy study abroad trip in May 2016 was quite a success! Counseling and Human Services students toured Tuscany for 8 days and visited the towns of Firenze (aka Florence), Greve, San Gimignano, Pisa, Lucca, Lago Di Trasimeno, Assisi, and Siena.
Garrett McAuliffe and Chris Sink led ODU students as well as counselor educators from Oregon, Washington State, Arizona, and South Carolina in the 10-day study abroad Institute on Diversity and Counseling in Ireland. Garrett and Chris presented at the institute. Doc student Jill Choudury presented on New Directions in Counseling Women and Men. Participants experienced presentations and tours from Irish counselors, historians, and archeologist, visited sites from the Irish independence rebellion of 1916, travelled to Belfast, visited with the post-Troubles Trauma Center and the Integrated Schools leaders, saw castles and ancient passage graves, heard rollicking music, spent some jolly times in pubs, and lived in the beautiful Trinity College campus in the center of Dublin.

The trip is planned again for August 2017, so contact Garrett now at gmcaulif@odu.edu. Credit for COUN 655 and 848 is available with accompanying coursework.

European Congress of Positive Psychology in France

Dr. Garrett McAuliffe presented on: An Alternative to Diagnosing Pathology: Comprehensive Positive Assessment in Angers, France, in the Loire Valley on June 30. He is currently completing a book on Positive Counseling.
During the spring semester of 2016 I had the great pleasure to travel to Jamaica along with seven other colleagues & two faculty members from the Human Service department. I was given the opportunity to study abroad and complete mission work in Jamaica along with seven other Old Dominion University students. While being there, I conducted a presentation discussing how the young ladies of the Women’s Centre of Jamaica Foundation could further their college education while being pregnant. The mission was to give them hope and help them find their inner strength to further their education. That mission was accomplished because since then they have been researching colleges & careers that suit their interest of study.

When I was selected to be a part of the group to travel to Jamaica, I was thrilled. I thought about the hot weather, exotic foods, and different culture and so I started planning my wardrobe; I was absolutely excited. When I arrived and saw the young ladies who were attending the school and looking so uncomfortable and bewildered my concentration went into a completely different direction. I couldn’t help but to notice the needed help for more supplies and uniforms for the center. It was laid on my heart to keep this “helping” relationship going.
A Primer on Positive Counseling: ODU Faculty and Doctoral Students/Alumni Presented at SACES, New Orleans, LA

ODU students and faculty led a three-hour pre-conference training session at SACES in New Orleans, LA.

Our own faculty members Garrett McAuliffe, Jenn DeCorso, and Tim Grothaus and current or former ODU PhD students Amber Jolley, Danny Holland, and Kristy Carlisle conducted a three-hour pre-conference training session at the SACES conference in New Orleans. There they introduced participants to "A Primer on Positive Counseling," the emerging methods that emphasize strengths and well being in counseling. Garrett and a number of the others are working on a book to be called Positive Counseling: From What’s Wrong to What’s Strong.

Dr. Horton-Parker, Dr. Dustin (in absentia), & Belcher, T. (2016, November). This is what transgender looks like! What you need to know to be an effective counselor and advocate for trans individuals. Education session presented at the Virginia Counselors Association Annual Convention, Williamsburg, VA.

Dr. Emily Goodman-Scott—White House Reach Higher Convening on School Counseling and Post-Secondary Access in October 2016, along with the Virginia Team: Joe Wharff, VA Department of Education and Renee Zando, School Counselor, Henrico Public Schools.
Alumni Spotlights

Lynn Ryan is a 1988 graduate of ODU Human Services and Psychology program. She is also a cancer survivor. In gratitude for the care that she received at the Massey Cancer Center, she wrote an article for Virginia Commonwealth University as a 10 years cancer free patient. She graciously shared her journey in the article. Lynn is currently an employee of VCU and highlights the grace she received to care for others.

Wendy Porter is a 2003 graduate of ODU Human Services Counseling program (MA in Humanities from ODU 2005), currently teaching Women's Studies at ODU.

Wendy’s family kept this antique Bible for generations. This Bible belonged to Nat Turner, a slave in the Northampton country and a leader of the deadliest slave uprising in U.S. history (in 1831) This year Wendy had an opportunity to tell the story of this unique piece and believed that it would reach a greater audience in the nation’s capital. This year, Wendy and her family donated the Bible to the Smithsonian’s National Museum of African American History in Washington DC. Wendy is excited that her kids can enjoy it and have the chance to bring their kids to see it one day.
Our master's school counseling student, Ms. Stephanie Smith-Durkin, was awarded the Outstanding Graduate Student of the Year from the Virginia School Counselor Association. The purpose of the award is to recognize one outstanding school counseling graduate student in Virginia who has demonstrated excellent in their program of study, displayed passion for becoming a professional school counselor, and who shows potential for making meaningful contributions to the school counseling profession. Stephanie was selected from a competitive applicant pool, and we feel fortunate to have her at ODU!

**Reflections**

The fall semester of 2016, is my last semester on campus as a senior at Old Dominion University and I am trying to make a difference in my department before I graduate. I have not only have represented the Darden College of Education for Human Services at the University’s open house, but I have also won the election for treasurer for the Human Services Association. I presented on behalf of the student body for the Human Service Department to incoming freshman at the University’s open house. I showcased what it is like in the Human Services Department and what the Department has to offer in the Darden College of Education. This past September I was voted in as the new treasurer for the Human Services Association. I am very excited to make a difference at my University and in my community. I am also involved in Tau Upsilon Alpha, Tau Sigma, the National Organization of Human Services, and a student of the honors college. I also currently am helping a doctoral student with his research study as part of his dissertation by helping with data collection, data entry, and data analysis. I currently am interning at a substance abuse agency as a case manager helping individuals with substance use addictions. I was also nominated for the Outstanding Human Service Student award for 2016-2017. I cannot wait to see what the spring semester has in store for me.

**Cheyenne James**
Jarid did a tremendous job with the fund raiser. It was well attended and raised $800.00 in funds. Jarid used several different ways to reach his goal. He used social media effectively to present the event. He acquired several items for a silent auction. He even had a limited number of glasses for sale displaying the foundation’s logo. Jarid worked with the venue’s owner in providing entertainment for the evening. Jarid did it all!

This opportunity for the Eric Albano Youth Soccer Foundation was provided as a part of Jarid’s class requirements. Patricia S. Albano, a representative of the E.A.Y.S.F. noted that this skillfully completed class assignment allowed the Foundation to benefit in the rewards of Jarid’s hard work and learning experience in more ways than just the monies that were raised!
Old Dominion University’s TUA Upsilon Alpha Human Services Honor Society was established in the spring of 2011. TUA’s mission is to honor academic excellence; to foster lifelong learning, leadership, and development; and to promote excellence in service to humanity. TUA promotes service to humanity by meeting the needs of people in underprivileged populations within the surrounding communities. Our goal is to assist individuals and the community in helping to improve overall quality of life and to encourage our members to be the change you want to see in our world.

In the fall 2015, TUA participated in events on and off campus. Out of the Darkness walk was not only attended and supported by HSA and TUA members but we successfully raised $150 for ongoing suicide awareness. TUA was invited to support two separate events with Chesapeake Department of Human Services by volunteering for Chesapeake Fun and Fitness Event – Foster Kids. We supplied and served at the ice cream station for the kids. We enjoyed seeing all the happy little faces so much that we volunteered again for the foster children and their families Breakfast with Santa event in December. TUA also participated in on campus events such as the student involvement fair and the Darden College of Education welcome back picnic.

In the spring 2016, TUA’s main focus was on fundraising. We wanted to give back to an agency in the community that serves our homeless population. We created a paper product drive that successfully gave over $600 in paper products to PARC Portsmouth Area Resources Coalition that primarily assists homeless families with children. When TUA members can’t be a part of an event; we donate either funds ($120 to Park Place School Supply Drive) or gift items (Taste Unlimited Basket to the Purple Passion Silent Auction – values at $75).

Outside of volunteering, fundraising, and academic achievement; TUA promotes participating in leadership training. Many of our members have benefited from attending the leadership lecture series held on campus every semester.

Fall 2016 events included sponsoring a foster child’s wish list from Chesapeake Department of Human Services and raising funds to support this event. Michelle Hascall and Clancy Page who represent Mea’Alofa Autism Support Center were our special guest speakers on November 22, 2016. Advocating for children that are abused and neglected until they have a permanent safe home is the mission of Norfolk CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate); some of TUA’s members attended train-seminars and volunteering during CASA’s 2016 Statewide CASA Conference held in downtown Norfolk on November 18th and 19th. TUA members also participated in the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation Research 5K Walk on November 12, 2016 in Yorktown, Virginia. TUA recognized our new members and those who are graduating at our Induction and Graduation Ceremony December 2, 2016.

TUA events are coordinated by the executive board members. Elected board members for the 2016-2017 academic years include President Connie Avery, Vice President Madison Rose, Secretary Brittney Melton, Treasurer Rose Boltz and Historian Rachel Lamere. The TUA executive board is guided by the chapter advisor, Dr. Narketta Sparkman-Key.

The TUA chapter honor society at ODU hopes to see continued growth and development as an organization. Our goal is to leave this organization better than how we found it.

Best, Connie Avery ~ President
**Presentations:**


Carlisle, K., Holman, L., Moro, R., Wilson, A., Baker, C., Becton, L, & Rapp, M. (October, 2016). A comprehensive guide to creating a process addictions course. Education session conducted at the Southern Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (SACES), New Orleans, Louisiana.


Gerwe, C., (2016, October), Queer Discourses of Inclusion, Southern Association for Counselor Education and Supervision, New Orleans Louisiana.


**Publications:**


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**Student Accomplishments**


**Other Accolades:**

Kristy Carlisle received SACES Emerging Leaders Award. (2016). Southern Association for Counselor Education and Supervision.

Mike Kalkbrenner was the recipient of NARACES Emerging Leader’s Fellowship (2016) and SACES Emerging Leader’s Fellowship.

**Degree Milestones:**

Mike Kalkbrenner passed written and oral candidacy exams and successfully defended dissertation proposal (Fall 2016)

Sandy-Ann Griffith passed written and oral candidacy exams (Fall 2016)

Marina Kuzmina passed written and oral candidacy exams (Summer 2016)

Sonia Ramrakhiani passed written and oral candidacy exams (Summer 2016) and successfully defended dissertation proposal (Fall 2016)

Traci Richards passed written and oral candidacy exams (Summer 2016) and successfully defended dissertation proposal (Fall 2016)

Amber Jolley passed written and oral candidacy exams and successfully defended dissertation proposal (Fall 2016)

Eric Brown passed written and oral candidacy exams in (Summer 2016) and successfully defended dissertation proposal (Fall 2016)

Kristy Carlisle successfully defended dissertation proposal (Summer 2016)

**Alumni Accepted Positions:**

**School Counseling Positions:**

Juquala Dunlap  
Virginia Beach City Public Schools

Tiffany Hope  
Stonewall Jackson High School  
Prince William Public Schools

Ashley Barnes Thomas  
Indian Lakes Elementary School  
Virginia Beach City Public Schools

Tiffany McAndrews  
Grassfield High School  
Chesapeake Public Schools

Beth Brooks  
Western Branch Intermediate School  
Chesapeake Public Schools

Blair Owens  
Fairfield Elementary School  
Virginia Beach City Public Schools

Robert Alexander  
Granby Elementary School  
Norfolk Public Schools

Jenn Settar  
Oscar Smith High School  
Chesapeake Public Schools

Krystin McAdams  
Richard T. Yates Elementary School  
Newport News Public Schools

Kendra Hatchett  
Galiloe Magnet High School  
Danville, VA

“Jordan” Amanda M. McNabb  
Clifton Middle School  
Allegany County Public Schools

**Mental Health Counseling**

Victoria Smallwood  
Foster Care Home Coordinator  
The Up Center, Norfolk, VA

All doctoral students had an opportunity to co-teach online HMSV courses this past summer. This was a first of its kind opportunity and demonstrates the commitment of the department to holistically prepare our students to be future educators.
Faculty Accolades


Horton-Parker, R., Dustin, J. (in absentia), & Belcher, T. (2016, November). This is what transgender looks like! What you need to know to be an effective counselor and advocate for trans individuals. Education session presented at the Virginia Counselors Association Annual Convention, Williamsburg, VA.


Faculty Accolades


Other Accolades:

Dr. Nina Brown participated in a radio interview on Making the Change program with Patricia Terre (WOL)

Dr. Nina Brown’s book *Children of the self-absorbed translated into Chinese*

Dr. Radha Horton-Parker has accepted the invitation to serve a second three-year term on the editorial review board of the *Journal of Humanistic Counseling*.

Dr. Chaniece Winfield was the recipient of the National Organization for Human Services research grant for 2016 as well as the Teaching Innovation Award for the Darden College of Education in Spring of 2016.


Sparkman-Key, N., received a Top 40 Under 40 Hampton Roads Award from Virginia Pilot and Inside Business
Quinn R. Lacy, Ed.D

- Passed Comprehensive Exam (Educational Leadership) and Successfully Defended Dissertation
- **Accepted position:** Assistant Dean of Health and Wellness, Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, NC
- **Publication:** Dissertation "LGBT Resources and Student Support Services in Community Colleges"

**Presentations**

- Ethics in the Workplace - March 2016, Johnsons C. Smith University in Charlotte, NC
- Mental Health Issues on Campus - June 2016, Johnsons C. Smith University in Charlotte, NC
- Competency Based Training- March 2016, Johnsons C. Smith University in Charlotte, NC
- How to be a Successful College Student - September 2009, January 2013 Central Piedmont Community College in Charlotte, NC

Jennifer L. Ferguson MS, LMHC

- **Accepted position:** Adjunct Instruction Jacksonville Children's Commission, instructing on psychology topics related to childhood and adolescence.

**Publications:**


Lynn Ryan, RN, BSN, CHPC

- Ten Years Later.. Still One in a Million. May 2016. Massey Cancer Center, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA.

My Name is **Keyanna Hawkins**, I graduated from Old Dominion University (ODU) in 2012. Since my at ODU, I have received my Master’s in Human Services from Liberty University. I have also had the opportunity to work for two Federally Funded TRIO Student Support Services Programs formally at ODU and Currently at Thomas Nelson Community College. The Federal TRIO Programs (TRIO) are Federal outreach and student services programs designed to identify and provide services for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds. TRIO includes eight programs targeted to serve and assist low-income individuals, first-generation college students, and individuals with disabilities to progress through the academic pipeline from middle school to post-baccalaureate programs. The opportunity to serve students could not have been done without the foundation that I received from the Department Counseling & Human Services. I remember walking into my first Human Service class Interpersonal Skill with Dr. Tammi Milliken being in class forever change my life, I became more aware of myself as a student but also as a developing professional. Having an amazing advisor and faculty member like Dr.Kathleen Levingston was so encouraging. She reminded to always soar. During my time with her, I always felt valued and respected. From the bottom of my heart, I want to say Thank you. The spirit of excellent that I have experienced in the Department of Counseling & Human Services is the same spirit that I use while working with my students every day.
Congratulations December 2016 Grads!

Christen Jones
Narda Walters
Jessica Hobgood
Emily Waller
Taryn Grasty
Jennifer Spildener
Ashley Graham
Lauren Snead
Brigitte Diaz
Dawn Richardson
Jason Dechenne
Myya Cooney
Rashard Pearson
Erica Cockrell
Sara Bishop
Leah Gomez

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