

PLENARY SESSION PANELISTS



LaTonya Summers, Ph.D., MAC, NCC, LCAS, LPCS

Dr. LaTonya Summers is an award-winning assistant professor of clinical mental health counseling at Jacksonville University. There, she brings 24 years of clinical mental health and addictions counseling experience, and conducts research on multicultural issues in counseling and supervision. Her work is featured in scholarly journals and at international and national professional conferences. Dr. Summers founded the national annual Black Mental Health Symposium, a conference aimed to equip mental health professionals with culturally-specific skills to improve mental wellness in Black communities.

She serves as the President of the Florida Association for Multicultural Counseling and Development (FAMCD). Dr. Summers has been featured in *O Magazine*.

Elisa A. Niles, Ph.D., LMHC-S, NCC, CCTP, CCMHC, RPT-S

Dr. Niles currently serves as the Clinical Director for the Southwest Florida Counseling Center. She is a Licensed Mental Health Counselor in the State of Florida, a Board Certified Counselor, and a qualified supervisor for mental health interns and marriage and family therapist interns.

Dr. Niles is a 2016 recipient of the National Board of Certified Counselor- Minority Fellowship Program. She completed her education at the University of the Virgin Islands and Argosy University. Dr. Niles completed her Ph.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision at Walden University. Her dissertation examined the Impact of Trauma on Reoccurring Homelessness in the U. S. Virgin Islands.

Dr. Niles served as the Membership Chair of Chi Sigma Iota-Omega Zeta Chapter, Community Lay Director for the Suncoast Emmaus Community, and Member-at-Large for the Florida Association for Multicultural Counseling and Development (FAMCD). She currently serves on the Board of Directors for Florida Mental Health Counselors Association, Chair of the Continuing Education Committee for the Florida Association for Play Therapy, and Coordinator for the Florida Counseling Association Convention Committee. She has presented at local, state, and national conferences.



Homer Brown, Ph.D., LMHC, NCC, CAP

Dr. Brown is licensed in the state of Florida as a Licensed Mental Health Counselor and a Florida Qualified Supervisor. Additionally, he is a National Board-Certified Counselor (NCC), a Florida certified school guidance counselor, and an adjunct professor for two Christian based universities, Barry University and Palm Beach Atlantic University. Dr. Brown is the founder and owner of Right Mind Counseling and Consultation, an agency that focuses on providing mental health services to God's people using a biblical foundation. Dr. Brown received his Ph.D. from Barry University and has worked in the mental health field for over 12 years serving various clients with diverse issues.

Dr. Brown is a member of several professional counseling organizations including the National Board for Certified Counselors (NCC), Association of Multicultural Development (AMCD), Florida Counseling Association (FCA), and the Florida

Association for Multicultural Development (FAMCD). Dr. Brown is the President-Elect for the FAMCD and he serves as a mentor for newly awarded scholars and recipients of the National Board for Certified Counselor Foundation's doctoral Fellowship Awards.

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Eric S. Davis, Ph.D., NCC, SB-RPT

Dr. Eric S. Davis is a counselor educator at the University of South Florida. He has worked in a juvenile detention center and special education, elementary, and high schools. Dr. Davis is a Florida certified school counselor, National Certified Counselor, and School-Based Registered Play Therapist. His current research areas include chronic illness and school-based issues, employing play therapy to work with language and behavior difficulties, stay-at-home-dads, and creative counselor education pedagogy.

Antwan Player, Ed.D., LMHC, LPCC

Dr. Antwan Player is a full-time core faculty instructor at Adler Graduate School located in Minnetonka, Minnesota. Antwan holds two licenses, one in Minnesota as a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC) and another in Florida as a Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC). Antwan currently is the Ethics Chair for the Minnesota Counseling Association and is a member of various organizations. Dr. Player received his bachelor's degree from the University of Florida and his master's in mental health counseling from Webster University. He concluded his educational journey by obtaining his doctoral degree in counselor education and supervision from Argosy University in 2018.



Dr. Player's clinical philosophy focuses on helping individuals reach self-actualization and has worked with several different populations, including high-risk adolescents, parenting enhancement, and individuals of the LGBTQ community. From an educational standpoint, Dr. Player's goal is for every student to walk away understanding the impact they will have on their community and society. Students are more than just pupils, but rather the next wave of intellectuals that will contribute to the profession, and society.