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Candidate for ACA Governing Council Rep



I am a retired counselor educator from the University of South Carolina (UofSC) where I was the Counselor Education Program Coordinator and Clinic Director. In addition, I taught in the School Counseling and Ph.D. degree programs. I was privileged to teach the Career Development Course for 25 years at three universities and I created a graduate certificate program at UofSC that qualifies recipients for the Certified Career Service Provider credential.

After serving as NCDA's president in the notorious year 2020, I am now enjoying a small private practice in career counseling and serving as my mother's primary caregiver.

However, before retiring from UofSC I served seven years as Co-Chair of the NCDA/ACES Joint Commission for the Preparation of Career Counselors. It was a pleasure to participate in NCDA's inaugural Counselor Educator Academy as both a member of the first class and a presenter. After retirement, I spent a total of six years on the NCDA Board of Trustees. I had the honor of serving on ACA's Anti-Racism Task Force in 2020 which resulted in many concrete suggestions to the Governing Council. I am happy to see ACA following up on those recommendations. As a counselor educator for nearly 30 years, I am especially proud to have been the 2016 Association for Counselor Education and Supervision's Lifetime Achievement Award.

I graduated from an HBCU, Lincoln University, received my Master's degrees in Psychological and Rehabilitation Counseling from Teachers College, Columbia University, and my Ph.D. from the Pennsylvania State University. Among my publications, are over twenty devoted to career issues, including two books: *Synthesizing family, career, and culture: A model for counseling in the twenty-first century* (published by ACA) and *Gaining Cultural Competence in Career Counseling*, its second edition published by NCDA.

Goal Statement:

My goals as the ACA Governing Council representative include communicating to ACA the way NCDA contributes to the diversity and inclusion of the organization because half of our members are not professional counselors, yet all of our members are professionals dedicated to improving the lives and livelihoods of the individuals they serve. A second goal is to build on the understanding that NCDA members have of ACA, its goals and its vision. I believe ACA can be a strong ally in meeting the strategic plans of our organization. My abilities as a counselor, a counselor educator, and a leader will be an asset in this liaison position. I look forward to continuing to serve NCDA.