

September 2017

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#### LETTER FROM THE BOARD . . .

Greetings!

It is a great honor to welcome everyone to the start of the 2017 -2018 school year. As we welcome new graduate students, it reminds me of my first few weeks in Mercy Hall. I was nervous and tried to limit my expectations and worries of what classes, interactions with fellow students, and faculty would be. Would I fit in? Would the program be too hard? Looking back, I didn't give myself enough credit. I forgot that I chose this program and this program chose me. Entering my third year in the program, I can reflect that there was nothing wrong with acknowledging the anxiety during the first month of the program. Over the last two years, I discovered that the faculty has been there to listen and that, fellow students became a part of my support system, in some ways equal, but in different ways, than family and friends.

Remember as your excitement and anxiety rises and falls in the next few weeks and through your time in this program to slow down, take a breath, and listen to yourself. Give yourself the credit that you are here, and find the people and interests to support your journey.

Sincerely, Sean Brite CSI President



### **Chi Sigma lota Eligibility**

Students are invited to join CSI during the Fall and Spring Semesters. Consideration is based on the following criteria from our chapter by-laws:

- 4.1 The following shall be deemed eligible for membership in the Society through endorsement of their chapter:
  - 4.1.1 <u>Students</u>: Those students who are enrolled in a counselor education program leading to graduate degrees (Master's, specialist, or doctorate).
    - 4.1.1.1 They shall have completed the equivalent of at least one full academic term (semester or quarter) of counseling courses carrying approved graduate credit as defined by the institution and are deemed promising for endorsement as a professional counselor whose ethical judgment and behavior will be exemplary.
    - 4.1.1.2 They must have maintained an overall scholastic grade point average of 3.5 or better (on a 4.0 system), or the equivalent, while enrolled in the program.

#### **Call for Submissions**

Is there a topic you'd like to write about? A photo or drawing you'd like a share? A must have recipe?

We are always accepting submissions for the next issue. Send your ideas to Karen Hochheiser at krhochhe@my.loyno.edu.





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### **UPCOMING EVENT INFORMATION**

### **FALL DAY OF SERVICE**

The Loyola Department of Counseling's <u>Fall Day of Service</u> is <u>Saturday</u>, <u>September 16<sup>th</sup> 2017</u>. We are partnering with St. Bernard Project to help rebuild houses in the New Orleans Area.

It's a great way to help people in our New Orleans community by assisting families rebuilding the places they live or once lived. Personally, it feels good to team up with fellow counseling students, grab some power tools, and build something!

Please register by Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup> by Clicking Here and email Sean Brite at smbrite@my.loyno.edu for meet up times and directions, as well as any questions.

Information about SBP and their missions Click Here or go to http://sbpusa.org/

### **NAMI EVENTS**

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) is an organization that the Loyola Counseling Department and CSI have been supporting for many years. Throughout all aspects of their work, NAMI emphasizes de-stigmatizing mental illness. NAMI New Orleans provides resources, services and education to those suffering with mental illness and their families. They also provide valuable education for the community about mental illness and its impact. All of the money that we raise for them through our Bingo Night and other fundraising efforts will go right back into the community. Please join us for the following events and contact Rebecca Ryan, <a href="mailto:rsryan@my.loyno.edu">rsryan@my.loyno.edu</a>, with any questions.

#### **BINGO NIGHT FUNDRAISER**

Our September After Hours event will take place on Wednesday, September 13, 7:15 pm at Broad Street Cider and Ale. This bingo night event will raise money for NAMI New Orleans as part of their annual second line walk. This event is open to all friends and loved ones 21 and over. There will be amazing prizes and catering for this event! Broad Street Cider and Ale has agreed to donate a portion of their sales so, whether you want to play bingo or not, feel free to just come and hang out with the awesome future counselors of our department.

#### **NAMI WALK**

The NAMIWalks New Orleans Second Line Event is Saturday, September 30 at Audubon Park. Registration is at 9 am and the walk starts at 10 am. There will be food and music as well as booths from local businesses. The walk is always a lot of fun, so please come out if you can!

Joining the NAMIWalks New Orleans Loyola Counseling Team online and setting a personal fundraising goal are great ways to contribute to our team. Your goal can be as much or as little as you feel comfortable with. Reaching out to friends and family and asking them to contribute even a little can go a long way. You can join the team online by following this link <a href="https://www.namiwalks.org/team/17004">https://www.namiwalks.org/team/17004</a>.



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Spring and Summer 2017 Graduates



## Congratulations! 2017 Counseling Award Recipients











Congratulations to the 2017 student and faculty award recipients (from left to right): Sarah Applebaum, Counseling Clinical Excellence Award Dr. John Dewell, Excellence in Research Award Claudia Fletcher, Counseling Excellence in Scholarship Award Cat Schully, The Mimi Heebe Excellence in Play Therapy Award Dana Wallace, Regina Matthews Oehmig Award for Excellence in Counseling



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### **INTRODUCING:**

### Your 2017-2018 Chi Sigma Iota Alpha Phi Chapter Board:



Sean Brite President smbrite@my.loyno.edu rsryan@my.loyno.edu



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Karen Hochheiser Parliamentarian-Historian krhochhe@my.loyno.edu

Past President: Jen Chamberlain

Faculty Advisers: Dr. Christine Ebrahim & Dr. John Dewell

### **INTRODUCING:**

### **Your Fall 2017 Counseling Department Graduate Assistants:**



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### Our GA's Top 7 Tips for New Students

- **1. Practice self-care**. Self-care is any activity that you do voluntarily which helps you maintain your physical, mental or emotional health. It can help you feel healthy, relaxed and ready to take on your work and responsibilities.
- 2. Network. It's never too early! Meet as many different people as you can by joining clubs, participating in sports or activities, going to events, or even just hanging out with fellow classmates. We also encourage you to forge good relationships with professors, bosses, co-workers, academic advisors, and other mentors; down the road you may need their help.
- 3. Maintain contact with your advisor, and take advantage of resources. To do this effectively, you need to start on assignments early. Then you have time to get help when you need it, and this is a great way to get to know your instructors.
- 4. Don't get overwhelmed by the big, bad, scary client ac**tors** that will be talked about for the next month but not shown to you. Dealing with the camera, seeing, and hearing your voice for the first time is the worst of it (and it's not that bad). And then you can start to have fun with the undergrads. Experiment and follow your intuition.
- 5. If you're in writing lab, generate ideas for your research paper **now** by talking to other people about their counseling interests and reflecting on what drew you to this field. Manage your time by scheduling when to research and start drafts.
- **6. Use the GAs.** Email drafts or ideas for the research paper. Chat with us about intro and how weird it is to watch yourself on camera for the first time in front of people you just met a month ago while also knowing you're all going through the exact same awkward feeling at the exact same time.
- 7. Use the counseling center on campus or ask someone for referrals. It's good to have the experience of being a client. And you'll want to process all that your self study will inevitably provoke.



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### Get to know our newest classmates! The Fall 2017 counseling cohort:



Angela Bacigalupo Garden City, NY "I am interested in working with older adults or children who have experienced trauma



Allie Walsh Clinton, MS  $``I\ am\ interested\ in$ working with children that have been bullied"



Danielle Rovira New Orleans, LA "I am especially interested in working with adults learning to cope with trauma, depression, and anxiety'



Rachel Van Kirk Hobe Sound, FL "I am interested in working w/ children and families dealing w/ the emotional effects of developmental disorders"



Sarah Zoghbi Lived all over! "I'm interested in personality disorder treatment and in working with adults in crisis



Jenni Delong Indianapolis, IN "I am interested in utilizing creative and holistic therapies for trauma victims'



**Emma Contreras** Santo Domingo, DR "I am interested in working with victims of domestic violence and sexual assault



Claire Kohne Southern California "I am interested in serving people with illness and end-of-life patients'



**Annie Rooney** Chicago, IL  $``I\ am\ interested\ in$ working with teenagers that have experienced trauma



Lai Him Chong (Archer) Guang Dong, China "Clinical or Criminal, I am still figuring it out

### Ask them about their...

#### **Undergraduate Institution**

Angela: Shippensburg University

Allie: Mississippi College

Danielle: Loyola New Orleans

Rachel: University of Tampa

Sarah: Touro College Berlin, LSU, Santa Rosa Junior College, U of

Oklahoma

Jenni: The American Uni. of Paris

Emma: Loyola University New Orleans Reading

Claire: UCLA

Annie: DePaul University

Archer: UCSD

#### Favorite Hobbies

Hiking, traveling and kickboxing

Playing tennis

Reading, cooking, gardening, meditation, and yoga!

Cooking

Time with friends and family, cooking, theatre, acro-yoga

Photography, cooking, letter writing

Writing songs

Running

Muay Thai, Singing, Movie, Drama



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Gabby Morgan New Orleans, LA "I am interested in working with individuals who suffer with chronic illnesses & their families"



Kirsti Mastroianni Wallingford, CT "I'm interested in working with adult male offender during their time incarcerated?



Jordan Esfeld Seattle, WA "I am interested in working with individuals with PTSD particularly when it is experienced somatically



Kelley Engman Vienna, VA "I am interested in working with children and adolescents who have suffered trauma"



**Ariel Landry** Metairie, LA "I am interested in working with collegeage students in a community college or university setting'



Kat Matekovic Boothwyn, PA "In the future, I hope to work with adults and provide a holistic approach to improve their mental health'



Tatiana Pino Bogotá, Colombia "Expanding professional services to underserved populations struggling with trauma and/or severe mental health is-



Meaghan McCarthy Cleveland, OH "I am interested in marriage and family counseling, but I also want to do mental health advocacy work'



**Kathryn Pennings** Madison, WI "I am excited to incorporate my passion for social justice into my counseling career through studying cultural and social psychology more closely'



Soren Ramsey Park Ridge, IL "I am interested in working with young people who have had contact with the criminal justice system'

### Ask them about their...

#### **Undergraduate Institution**

Gabby: Loyola University New Orleans

**Kirsti:** Eastern Connecticut State University

Jordan: University of Washington

**Kelley:** Boston University

**Kat:** Lebanon Valley College

Tatiana: Santo Tomás University & Puerto Rico

Conservatory of Music

Meaghan: Tulane University

Kathryn: UW Madison Soren: Tulane University

#### **Favorite Hobbies**

Writing

Yoga

Yoga

Playing baseball

**Ariel:** Northwestern State University of Louisiana Netflix and hanging out with friends and boyfriend

Hanging out with friends and binge watching Netflix

Dancing

The NOLA Chorus Girls

Exploring in nature

Playing and seeing music

**Not Pictured:** 

Karvn Russel Christine Johnson Maretae Wright Laura Mattingly Julie Steenhoek

Welcome!



Sean Brite

## ALPHA PHI CHAPTER OF CHI SIGMA IOTA LOYOLA UNIVERSITY NEW ORLEANS

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### **Practicum / Internship Students and Their Sites**

Are you interested in a specific site? Learn more about it from someone who's there now!

Paige Prather Family Service—Drug Court Chris Brusseau Celebration Hope Center

Georgia Boxer Jefferson Parish Juvenile Detention Ctr. Angie Martin Celebration Hope Center

Jenn Glynn Jewish Family Service Karen Miranda Celebration Hope Center

Carey Gilchrist Jewish Family Service

Celebration Hope Center Sarah Cline KIPP Believe

Counsel NOLA Keri Satterfield Lambeth House Stephanie Kirchgessner

Piper Thevenet Alice Birney Elementary School Annalisa Scheele Plaquemines Community CARE Center

Millie Reeves Creative Family Solutions Patty Hickman Plaquemines Community CARE Center

Alexis Ambeau Callie Millington Family Service of Greater New Orleans Sexual Trauma and Awareness Response

Emma Moates Family Service of Greater New Orleans Ashley Lopez St. George's Episcopal School

## **Upcoming Conference Presentations**

#### Association for Counselor Education and Supervision/Chicago, 1L/Oct. 4-8 Louisiana Counseling Association/Baton Rouge, LA/Oct. 1-3

Sarah DeMarais	Shaping Trauma-Responsive Schools with	Dr. Christine Ebrahim & Colleagues	Making invisible work visible: Overcoming gen- der norms to facilitate women's self-promotion
	Relational-Cultural Theory	Colleagues	der norms to facilitate women's sey-promotion
Dr. Christine	Ethical Considerations and Best Practices	Dr. Christine Ebrahim &	Managing Dual Relationships in Counselor
Ebrahim &	for Working with Suicidal Clients.	Dickens, K	Education and Supervision
Sean Brite		Dr. Christine Ebrahim &	Creating a Realistic Pre-Practicum Experience:
Dr. Christine	The Joys of Mentoring: Useful Tips for	Stephanie Robinson	The Use of Professional Actors as Clients
Dr. Christine Ebrahim &	The Joys of Mentoring: Useful Tips for Ensuring an Enriching Mentor/Mentee	Stephanie Robinson  Dr. Leanne Steen & Renee	The Use of Professional Actors as Clients  Ethical Considerations in Spirituality,

#### Tri-State Conference on Diversity and Inclusion/Portsmouth, OH/ Sept. 22

A Candy Land Inspired Journey through Helm's White Racial Identity Development Oriel Romano

American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy / Atlanta, GA/Oct. 5-8

Ashley Lopez & Cat Schully Play Therapy Interventions for Children with ADHD and Accompanying Anxiety Symptoms

Assoc. for Play Therapy National Conference / Minneapolis, MN/ Oct. 10-15

**Dr. Leanne Steen** Gatekeeping in Play Therapy Supervision



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## **SPOTLIGHT: Louisiana Counseling Association Board**



LOYNO Counseling program's Ida Ansell and her Graduate Student Committee Co-Representative Michelle Robichaux

# Q&A with Ida Ansell Graduate Student Co-Representative

#### Q: What are your counseling related passions?

I've currently been reading a lot about modern psychoanalysis and am curious about The New Orleans-Birmingham Psychoanalytic Center here in town. I hope to one day have a private practice and specialize in working with the LGBTQ population.

#### Q: How did you decide to get involved in LCA?

I wanted to see what current professionals in our field were doing and hope to generate meaningful contributions as graduate students in order to strengthen and develop our future work.

#### Q: Tell us about your position as a Graduate Student co-representative on the LCA board.

I co-lead the Graduate Student Committee, attend board meetings, and have a hand in organizing events for the conference geared towards graduate students. I represent graduate students and their concerns to the larger LCA community.

#### Q: What do you want students to know about the upcoming LCA conference?

Monday, October 2 will be "Graduate Student Day," with offerings such as professional headshots, educational, and poster board sessions. There will also be an event that evening in which graduate students will have the opportunity to meet with different supervisors throughout the state and in their region.

#### **Q:** How can current students get involved?

They can reach out to me at any time if they would like more information on LCA and the kind of projects the Graduate Student Committee are currently working on. They can become members of LCA and attend this year's conference. They can send me any concerns and/or feedback from the conference or other professional development events or workshops they've attended and/or would like to see more of. I would love to exchange ideas about having a meaningful impact across our state and within our field.

Monday, October 2 is
"Graduate Student Day". Get FREE
professional headshots and network
with LPC supervisors from the state
and region!



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### **SPOTLIGHT: Louisiana Counseling Association Board**



**Dr. Christine Ebrahim** Ph.D., LPC-S, NCC President, LCA

"The conference gives all of us an opportunity to network with other students and professionals across the state...take advantage of the opportunity to decompress, learn new things, connect with others in the field, and make new friends."

#### The President's duties:

- Acts as the "voice" of the association
- Big role in planning the annual conference
- Serves as a member of the Government Relations committee; may be asked to testify at state legislative committee meetings when legislation is presented that may impact counselors in the state

**Dr. Ebrahim is** excited to introduce the **Leadership Development and Mentoring Institute** which will be announced at the conference (and will be taking place here on Loyola's campus in the spring). It's an opportunity for graduate students and new counseling professionals to be paired with both state and national mentors. Our goal is to help those who would like to move into more leadership and mentoring roles within the Louisiana Counseling Association and possibly the regional or national level.



Stephanie Robinson MS, LPC-S, LAC, NCC Parliamentarian, LCA

"I view being a member of LCA a professional responsibility. Staying involved in LCA and LCA's divisions promotes growth and progress within our profession. So, not only should you join LCA, you should maintain your membership and be involved throughout your career"

#### The Parliamentarian's duties:

- To be well versed in LCA bylaws
- Ensure that all procedures are followed for conducting meetings and interpreting rules of order

Stephanie believes **networking** is one of the greatest **advantages** of being a member of LCA for students and alumni. LCA provides its members countless opportunities to connect on both a professional and personal level. By forming these relationships, members are able to better support one another in consulting, reaching professional goals, sharing career opportunities, and even just socializing.



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## **Celebrating Students and Alumni!**



**Sean Brite** & Kathryn Wiltrout Brite Married in June!



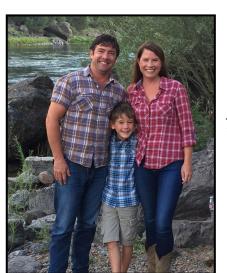
**Cassidy Fischer '17** & Jake Palmisano are engaged!



**Semonné Aguillard '16** & Aaron Pierre are engaged!



**Blaire Hirstius '16** & Madison are engaged!



**Lauren Finan Baumstark '14** & David Baumstark are married!



**Alison Phillips Sheesley '13** Welcomed Calla Evelyn!



**Veronica Martinez '08** welcomed Sebastian D.!



**Jenn Bacile** welcomed Seth Steven!



Molly Mattesky Sanders '14 welcomed Eyler Grace!

We love celebrating our current students and alumni! Email Karen Hochheiser at krhochhe@my.loyno.edu to have your celebrations highlighted in a future newsletter



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## Where are they now? Alumni Achievements



Brianne Cortez '15
received the Sustained Excellence
Award for MST Therapists



Ariann Evans '13 Selected as a 2017 ACES Emerging Leader



**Tanya Radecker 'og**Defended dissertation
University of Holy Cross



**Stephanie Ducros '12**Defended dissertation
University of Holy Cross

### CONGRATULATIONS!!!

#### WE ARE PROUD TO HEAR OF ALL YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Are you interested in connecting with our alumni? Email Karen Hochheiser at krhochhe@my.loyno.edu

## Where are they now? Alumni Employment

### 2017 Graduates

**Jen Chamberlain,** Staff Counselor Celebration Hope, New Orleans

**Cassidy Fischer**, Staff Counselor Northshore Counseling and Wellness, Louisiana

**Emily Jasper**, Primary Therapist, Willowbrooke at Floyd, Georgia

**Kristin Kendrick**, Mental Health Professional Choices Behavioral Health and Wellness, New Orleans

**Andie Rye**, School Counselor Academy of Our Lady, Louisiana

**Cat Schully,** Counselor Children's Bureau, New Olreans

**Maddie Schultz,** Counselor Addiction Recovery Resources of New Orleans

**Kristin Scott,** Transition Therapist Bridge House, New Orleans

### 2016 Graduates

**Semonné Aguillard** , Staff Clinician Milestones Mental Health Agency

**Lanier Clement**, Counselor and Site Coordinator Communities in Schools, Jefferson Chamber Foundation Academy, New Orleans

**Sarah Finney**, School Counselor, St. Mary's Dominican High School, New Orleans

**Lynsey Hinnenkamp,** Multisystemic Therapist Integrated Family Services, New Orleans

**Blaire Hirstius,** Academic Counselor, College of Humanities & Social Sciences, LSU

**Devin Leivo,** Clinical PsyD Student Chicago School of Professional Psychology Xavier University of Louisiana, New Orleans

**Ben Ng,** Residential Program Counselor Addiction Recovery Resources of New Orleans

**Polly Pillen\*,** Trauma Therapist Women Organized Against Rape, Pennsylvania

\*Also works in private practice



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## Where are they now? Alumni Employment

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### 2015 Graduates

**Maria Cicio,** Counselor Grand Lake Mental Health Center, Oklahoma

**Brianne Cortez**, Counselor Creative Family Solutions, Louisiana

**Lesley DeMartin**, Counselor and Site Supervisor Communities in Schools of Greater NO, ReNew

**Brandie Hicks\*,** Staff Counselor Northshore Counseling & Wellness, Louisiana

**Nasima Khan**, PhD Student, UNO Beacon Behavioral Hospital Plaquemines Community CARE Centers Foundation

**Chloe Kingery,** Mental Health Clinician Youth Architects, South Carolina

**Megan Mathews**, School Counselor Holy Name of Jesus School, New Orleans

**Jenna Oncale,** Mental Health Therapist Westlake Middle School, Counseling Enriched Program

**Kaitlin Short,** School Counselor Pope John Paul 11 Catholic High School, Slidell

**Shaina Spector\*,** Assistant Director Undergraduate Advising, Tulane University, New Orleans

### 2013 Graduates

Jessica Alvendia\*, PhD Student, UNO

**Christine Begala,** Outpatient Therapist North Range Behavioral Health, Colorado

Ariann Evans, PhD Student, Virginia Tech

**Walesa Kanarek,** Counselor New Orleans Family Justice Center Trauma Recovery Program

**Melody Baker Marks,** Lead School Counselor KIPP New Orleans Schools

Alison Proctor, Clinical Director, ACER (addiction facility)

**Alison Sheesley,** Contracts Specialist CO Department of Public Health, Mental Health Promotion

**Nicole Snyder,** Counselor New Orleans Family Justice Center

### 2014 Graduates

**Tamara Claverie**, Director of Counseling St. George's Episcopal, New Orleans

**Michelle Gay Cowherd,** Forensic Transition Team Fairfax County Government, Virginia

**Kerry Hegarty**, College and Career Counselor Earn and Learn Program, Tulane's Cowen Institute

**Rae Jacobson**, Content Engagement Strategist/Senior Writer Child Mind Institute, New York

**Summer Keenan,** School Counselor SciTech Academy, ReNew Schools, New Orleans

**Megan Loos,** Clinician, Drug Court Program, Family Services, New Orleans

**Katie Bowman Lambert,** School Counselor St. Cletus Catholic School, New Orleans

**Molly Mattesky Sanders,** Early Childhood School Counselor St. George's Episcopal School, New Orleans

Nina Stewart, Staff Counselor, University of New Orleans

**Peter Santos,** Supervising Counselor Catholic Charities' Immigration & Refugee Services, New Orleans

Sean Tate, Executive Director, DiscoveryFEST, New Orleans

### **2012 Graduates**

**Sarah Bodden,** Clinical Director Bridges to Hope, LLC, New Orleans

**Kevin Bridgmon,** Staff Counselor Bradford Health Services, Alabama

**Stephanie Ducros,** School Counselor Archbishop Chapelle High School, Metairie

**Viveca Latham Johnson\***, Counselor LSU Student Mental Health Center

Rachel Levesque\*, Clinical Director Family Service Center of Galveston County, Texas

Joe LeBlanc, PhD Student , UNC at Greensboro

**Julie Moss,** Clinical Liaison Cross Creek Hospital, Texas

**Amelia Sherman,** School Counselor Riverdale High School, Jefferson, Louisiana



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### **2005-2009 Graduates**

**Lauren Oufnac\*('05),** Director John Calvin Presbyterian Playschool, Metairie

Toni Duhe Byers ('09), Middle School Counselor Lake Elementary School, St. Amant, Louisiana

**Anna Gardner Evans**, ('09), Academic Counselor Morris Jeff Community School, New Orleans

**Tanya Radecker ('09)**, Executive Director Louisiana Community for Emotionally Focused Therapy **Veronica Martinez ('08),** Clinical Director Trauma Recovery Program New Orleans Family Justice Center

**Kellie Camelford, ('09)**, Assistant Professor & Clinician Department of Clinical Rehabilitation & Counseling Child and Family Counseling Clinic LSU Health Sciences Center, New Orleans

**April Ivy ('09)**, Clinical Director LEI Behavioral Services, New Orleans

\*Also works in private practice

We're so proud to hear about all your amazing accomplishments! Thank you for sharing!

Email Karen Hochheiser at krhochhe@my.loyno.edu to be included in a future newsletter!

# Alumni Spotlight Brandy Craig Unger '14

JD, MS, NCC, PLPC



I am working as a mitigation specialist and forensic counselor on capital cases across the United States. I started in Louisiana working with the Lafayette Public Defenders Office. Now I have my own company, Unger Counseling and Consulting, that contracts with defense attorneys needing assistance with the sentencing phase in death penalty trials and offers forensic counseling. Additionally, I have worked with organizations such as The Innocence Project with individuals who have been wrongly convicted of crimes they did not commit and recently released from prison by offering and helping them adjust/re-enter life

out of prison.