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Candidate for President-Elect-Elect



David Julius Ford, Jr., is a Counselor Educator at Monmouth University. He is in his seventh year and is a Tenured Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Professional Counseling. He has five years' student affairs experience as a live-in Assistant Hall Director at Winston-Salem State University, a small, state supported HBCU. In that role, he provided career and academic planning for his residents and the resident advisors he supervised. As a doctoral student, he provided career and academic planning for undergraduate human services majors. Dr. Ford has been a Counselor Educator for 11 years and has taught Career Counseling at 2 universities both face-to-face and virtual asynchronous. He is an alumnus of the NCDA Counselor Educator Academy and served as the co-chair. He is also an alumnus of the NCDA Leadership

Academy. He is a member of the NCDA DICI committee and is on the task force revising the NCDA Multicultural Competencies. He is a past Board Trustee for Counselor Educators and Researchers. He is past president of the New Jersey Counseling Association and is active in the New Jersey Career Development Association. He was elected by the North Atlantic Region of ACA to serve on the ACA Governing Council.

Dr. Ford earned his Master's in Clinical Mental Health Counseling from Wake Forest University. He earned his Ph.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision from Old Dominion University. He has co-authored a conceptual article exploring the career concerns of queer men of color who are HIV+. He also co-authored an article exploring the number of Black male Counselor Educators who have earned promotion and tenure, for which he won the ACES 2020 Outstanding Counselor Education and Supervision Article Award. He and his colleagues published a qualitative study exploring the career development of Black people who choose to enter the counseling profession.

Goal Statement:

bell hooks' *Homeplace* (a refuge from racism) really resonates with me, and I found my homeplace in NCDA. While our division is not free from oppression, I have found a place that helps me challenge oppressive systems and want to make NCDA that *Homeplace* for others. I also want to reach those practitioners in rural areas who may not know about or be involved with NCDA to—as we way in the Black church—bring them into the fold. I want to emphasize practitioners and clients/students from communities of color, those who are members of the non-cishet community, those impacted by HIV/AIDS, and those from rural communities.