



Mississippi Counseling Association
A Branch of American Counseling Association
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MCA
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SUMMER 2016

THE POWER IN PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING RELATIONSHIPS

Membership in the Mississippi Counseling Association will provide an opportunity for you to grow in your commitment to the counseling profession. The Mississippi Counseling Association would like to encourage all counselors to be a member of the organization while expanding your counseling network. Our organization provides services and resources throughout the year.

MCA currently is conducting registration for our 66th Annual Conference. We are pleased to announce we have an outstanding selection of programs for this year's conference. We will open the conference at 8:45am on Wednesday, November 2, 2016, with the Learning Institutes including a three-hour session for Supervision. MCA will partner with ACT to offer many sessions related to ACT. This year we are able to provide two three-hour sessions on Raising the Bar: Critical New Concepts in the ACA Code of Ethics. The information in these two sessions will be the same. Lynn Linde, Senior Director of the ACA Center for Counseling Practice, Policy, and Research will provide the training.

The Opening General Session will be at 5:00pm followed by the President's reception. We are pleased to have Dr. Jeremy Richmond as our keynote speaker. He has extensive research experience that spans the range from neuroscience and neuropsychopharmacology to cardiovascular biology, diabetes, obesity, metabolic syndrome, immunology, and inflammation. There will be several other special guests to join us Wednesday night for our opening session.

It is really important to make sure we continue our education and enhance our skills. The conference is an opportunity to receive your professional development while providing you with a network of counselors. We need all of you to assist in advocating for counseling concerns. The conference is a place to learn of the current concerns and strengths is our profession. The pre-registration deadline is October 22, 2016. I hope you join us at the Gulf Coast Convention Center.

Jayme Sullivan, MCA President

THE COMPASS

MCA 2016 CONFERENCE AGENDA

Tuesday, November 1, 2016

4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Conference Registration Open

Wednesday, November 2, 2016

8:00 - 4:45 p.m. Conference Registration Open

8:00 - 4:45 p.m. Exhibits Open

(Concessions available for purchase)

ACT SESSIONS

8:45 – 10:15 a.m. ACT Online Prep: Incorporating ACT Online Prep into ACT Preparation

8:45 – 10:15 a.m. Career Readiness in Mississippi and the United States, Helping High School Students in 2016-2017 - Part 1

10:15 – 10:30 a.m. Break

10:30 – 12:00 p.m. ACT Best Practices for Counselors and Administrators

10:30 – 12:00 p.m. Career Readiness in Mississippi and the United States, Helping High

12:00 – 1:30 p.m. Lunch on Your Own

1:30 – 3:00 p.m. ACT Engage: Using ACT's Behavioral Assessment, ACT Engage, to Improve Students' Academic Behaviors Success

1:30 – 3:00 p.m. Using Data Driven Decisions to Impact ACT Preparation- Part 1

3:00 – 3:15 p.m. Break

3:15 – 4:45 p.m. ACT Work Ready Communities

3:15 – 4:45 p.m. Using Data Driven Decisions to Impact ACT Preparation - Part 2

LEARNING INSTITUTES

8:45 – 10:15 a.m. All you need to Know about Distance Supervision, Part 1

10:15 – 10:30 a.m. Break

10:30 – 12:00 p.m. All you need to Know about Distance Supervision, Part 2

12:00 – 1:30 p.m. Lunch on Your Own

1:30 – 3:00 p.m. The ACA 2014 Code of Ethics Says What? Part 1

3:00 – 3:15 p.m. Break

3:15 – 4:45 p.m. The ACA 2014 Code of Ethics Says What? Part 2

3:15 – 4:45 p.m. Marriage & Family Counselors Division Meeting

5:00 - 5:30 p.m. Opening General Session

5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Keynote Address (1.5 hour CE credit)

7:00 - 8:30 p.m. President's Reception - Exhibit Hall Open (admission by ticket)

Thursday, November 3, 2016

7:45 - 8:45 a.m.	First Timers' Breakfast (admission by ticket)
8:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Conference Registration (closed for lunch)
8:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Voting (closed for lunch)
8:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Exhibits Open (Concessions available for purchase)
8:30 - 11:45 a.m.	Ethics Session (3 hours with 15 minute break)
9:00 - 10:15 a.m.	Education Session A
10:15 -10:30 a.m.	Break
10:30 - 11:45 a.m.	Education Session B
12:00 - 1:30 p.m.	Awards Luncheon (admission by ticket)
1:45 - 3:00 p.m.	Education Session C
3:00 - 3:15 p.m.	Break
3:15 - 4:30 p.m.	Education Session D
4:35 p.m.	Division/Interest Group Meetings (no CEU credit given)
7:00 p.m.	Past President's Dinner

Friday, November 4, 2016

8:00 - 10:00 a.m.	Conference Registration
8:00 - 10:00 a.m.	Voting
9:00 - 10:15 a.m.	Education Session E
10:15 - 10:30 a.m.	Break
10:30 - 11:45 a.m.	Education Session F
12:00 noon	Closing Session

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MCA ATTENDS ACA INSTITUTE FOR LEADERSHIP TRAINING

JAYME SULLIVAN

The Mississippi Counseling Association was represented at the American Counseling Association's Leadership Institute, July 27-30, 2016.

Officers that attended included Past President Lynn Etheridge, President Jayme Sullivan, President-Elect Kim Hall and our Executive Director Carolyn Anderson. Sessions included topics on Leadership Transition and Planning, membership engagement, Upholding the ACA Code of Ethics: Lessons from Tennessee, Advocating for the Counseling Profession, How to get More Influence and Media Attention, Understanding ACA and Your Role/Responsibilities, The ACA Code of Ethics Says What?, Non Profit Finance 101, Six Superb Reasons You Need to Plan, Two Leadership Approaches to Diversity and Inclusion, LGBT Lifespan Development Counseling, Leadership Development toward Diversity and breakout sessions with the individual regions.

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We attended the Southern Region meeting where our Executive Director, Carolyn Anderson is currently serving as the Chair of the Southern Region. We attended a dinner with members of the Southern Region where we were able to share information and network with other counselors from our region. The time allowed us to work with the leadership in other states. The return to Mississippi was delayed by a major weather delay and caused our past president to sit on the plane for hours waiting on departure and requiring her to spend an extra night before returning to Mississippi.

While in attendance, Mississippi Counseling Association was one of six states recognized for a prestigious award. We are pleased to announce that MCA was Awarded a 5 Star Award, The Excellence in Branches of ACA. It is the members and leaders of our organization that made this possible. We are pleased to work with an outstanding group of counselors in our state.

FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

CAROLYN ANDERSON

MCA has had a long and great history. Part of that history was driven by the leaders of the Association. From 1950, the year we were formed, until today we have had 59 Presidents. During that 66-year period only six Presidents served more than one term. Hubert Gilmore served 1953-1955, Mildred Coleman served 1958-1960, Dr. Charles Scott served 1960-1962, Donnie Sweeney served 1982-1984 and Debra Carr served from 2005-2007.

The sixth individual is unique in that she served three terms. Jayme Sullivan was elected and served from 2002-2003. Jayme once again ran for office in 2014 to serve from 2015-2016; however, because MCA President-Elect, Hollie McCollister, moved to Japan before she ever took office in 2014 Jayme fulfilled Hollie's term plus her own.

When you get the chance please say a big THANK YOU to Jayme for her willingness in taking on the task of serving for three terms of office.

MCA has really come a long way from those early days of the organization. Meetings were originally held during the state teachers meeting in March. Later when we began holding fall conferences, they were at hotels in downtown Jackson and we were small enough that our President's Reception was held in a suite.

Technology has brought changes to MCA. Beginning in January of this year MCA members could go to the website and click on membership after signing in and print their own membership card or membership certificate. Many members used to take the old card and put it in file 13. In other words, it was tossed in the garbage. You will be able to print your certificate at fall conference if you so desire or you can print it in the comfort of your office.

This year instead of codes at the end of conference sessions, you will have a name badge with a bar code. Every time you enter or leave your badge will be scanned. Transcripts and certificates for CEUS and CEs will be sent to you electronically. The time required in any session to get credit is 90% so you must stay until the end and make sure you get to the meeting on time. Regions are already practicing with this new method. Permanent records will be stored on an external hard drive and kept in the MCA office. This method will help MCA become good stewards of our natural resources.

I am excited about our conference and I hope to have the opportunity to see you there.

**MCA'S HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE'S ANNUAL STATE
CONFERENCE
AGENCY OF CHOICE: ADVOCATES FOR FREEDOM (AFF)**

Each year MCA's Human Rights Committee chooses a non-profit agency to collect money for and award a donation to. This year's choice is Advocates for Freedom, www.AdvocatesForFreedom.org, POB 8414, Biloxi, MS 39535. Office (228) 806-3492, Email: affstopht@gmail.com Hotline: 888-3737-888

The main goal of AFF is to bring awareness to Mississippians on the Problem of Human Trafficking. Human trafficking in Mississippi is a real problem. It is a form of modern day slavery. Victims of human trafficking are young children, teenagers, and men and women. Victims are subjected to force, fraud, or coercion, for the purpose of sexual exploitation or forced labor. Human trafficking occurs in areas where there are international ports, airports, military bases, interstate highway corridors, and a large tourism industry. That is why the MS Gulf Coast is an ideal environment for slavery to go undetected.

Advocates for Freedom is an ongoing awareness project on the MS Gulf Coast on the problem of human trafficking. They are working with others throughout the law enforcement, business, government, education, medical, media/arts, nonprofit and faith communities to help victims and end this modern form of human slavery. AFF wants to inspire the public to 'look beneath the surface' and help find a solution to end human trafficking, locally, and abroad. AFF is a faith-based organization dedicated to ending the exploitation, sale and enslavement of men, women, and children. They provide resources, education and training to bring awareness to human trafficking.

'Johns' can be business people, politicians, farmers, students, etc.; 12-14 years old is the average entry age into prostitution in America; human trafficking is the second largest growing criminal industry worldwide.

Start saving your pennies; see which classroom in your school can collect the most money; which Sunday School class at your church. Be ready to give at conference!

Thank you!!

Human Rights Committee

Cochairs: Jeanne Polk, Amy Adelman

MCA'S CONFERENCE HOTEL

MCA has once again selected the Beau Rivage Casino and Resort as the Conference Hotel and blocked a group of rooms for conference attendees. This year the room rate is \$102. The code for making reservations is Mississippi Counseling Association or MCA.

Last year the conference the conference block sold out so you need to book your room as soon as possible. You can reserve the room online at <https://aws.passkey.com/event/10858144/owner/22426/home> or by calling 888-567-6667.

If you are planning on using a purchase order to pay for your room, you must contact the hotel directly to arrange for this. MCA does not make the room reservation for you.

ONLINE REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR BOTH MEMBERS AND NON- MEMBERS

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CONTRIBUTING AUTHORS WANTED

The Compass is searching for individuals who are interested in writing articles for the newsletter. If you are interested in contributing your expertise through an article, please contact Susan Nicolais at susan@nonprofit-growth.com. Thanks for your help!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October

October 4, 2016, [Perkins in Practice: What is working \(and not\) in CTE-focused Concurrent Enrollment](#) webinar

November

November 2-4, 2016
MCA Annual Fall Conference, Biloxi, MS

February

February 14 - 17, 2017,
[Law and Ethics in Counseling Conference](#), New Orleans, LA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rush Health Systems and Mississippi State University - Meridian Social Work Program *presents the* [Continuing Medical Education Seminar](#)

“Culturally Sensitive, Professional, & Reliable For your Mental Health Practice”

Social Workers, Licensed Professional Counselors, and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists

Friday, September 16, 2016