



Words from the President

As I look toward the beginning of my term as GAMFT President, I am faced with both excitement and a strong sense of purpose. The last few years have been challenging for GAMFT. The choice to remain a part of AAMFT as an independent affiliate came with both benefits and consequences. We can no longer depend on membership who join AAMFT to automatically join GAMFT; individual members must now opt-in to join GAMFT as “Geographical Engagement Program” when renewing AAMFT Membership. With that change, membership numbers for GAMFT reduced. Some of this was due to technical glitches, other times members simply did not know that they needed to check the box in order to opt-in to GAMFT. Given the temporary financial strain, our paid personnel had to leave the organization, requiring the Board of Directors to roll up our sleeves to handle operations ...

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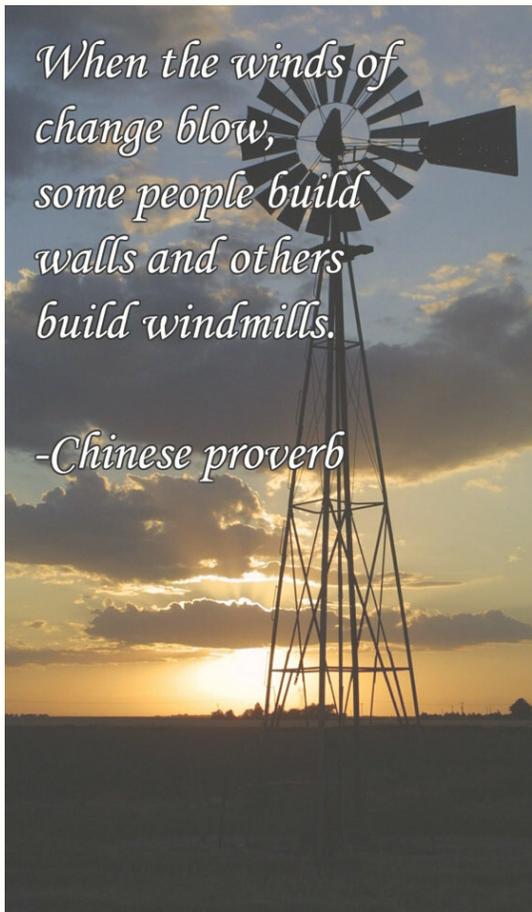
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since August of 2019. I am very proud of the work that your Board of Directors has done over the last few months to maintain the essential components of GAMFT!

In consideration of these changes, our chief concern has always been to maintain the practical benefits of GAMFT membership. We hold true to the power in advancing a clinical community for members to interact and form professional networks. We support and nurture professional development by hosting educational opportunities throughout the state. We believe in connecting pre-licensed professionals and students with information and resources needed for successful career development. And lastly, we have seen the difference our legislative team has made in protecting MFT scope of practice at the state level. In fact, all of these statements are woven into the fabric of our organization.

Over the next two years, we have an opportunity to rethink who we are, what is most important to us, and continue to support and engage all members across the state of Georgia. We plan to move towards new growth in the following ways:

- First, this year's Annual Spring Conference will be in a new location! While not a decision we took lightly, we hope that rotating between a central Georgia location and the coast will increase accessibility and engage all GAMFT members. I'm excited about our program this year in beautiful Marietta, GA.
- Another change you will see moving forward is in our newsletters. To provide members with a richer experience, we have decided to shift from publishing six bimonthly newsletters to quarterly. Not only will this allow for better content, it will also leave room for us to send monthly email blasts without overloading your inboxes.
- And finally, we will be hosting monthly online Town Hall meetings beginning in February. We hope to use this opportunity to connect with members, listen to your needs, obtain feedback, and share ideas for the future of GAMFT. We need your help. Now more than ever, we need members to support the organization by sharing why you believe it's important to retain your GAMFT membership. Town Hall meetings will be facilitated by a Board Member using the Zoom video conferencing platform on the fourth Friday of each month from 12-1PM. Initially the Town Halls will be open ended, but we plan over time to focus the conversations toward specific topics that members find valuable. On February 28th I will be hosting the first online Town Hall. I look forward to meeting you all!

Words from the President continued...

Thank you to all our volunteers, Chapter leaders, and members for helping us advance MFT practice in Georgia. I have faith that with a growth mindset our organization will be successful and thrive!

As always, if you have questions, concerns, or ideas please contact me at any time.

Sincerely,



Andrea S. Meyer Stinson, Ph.D., LMFT
GAMFT President



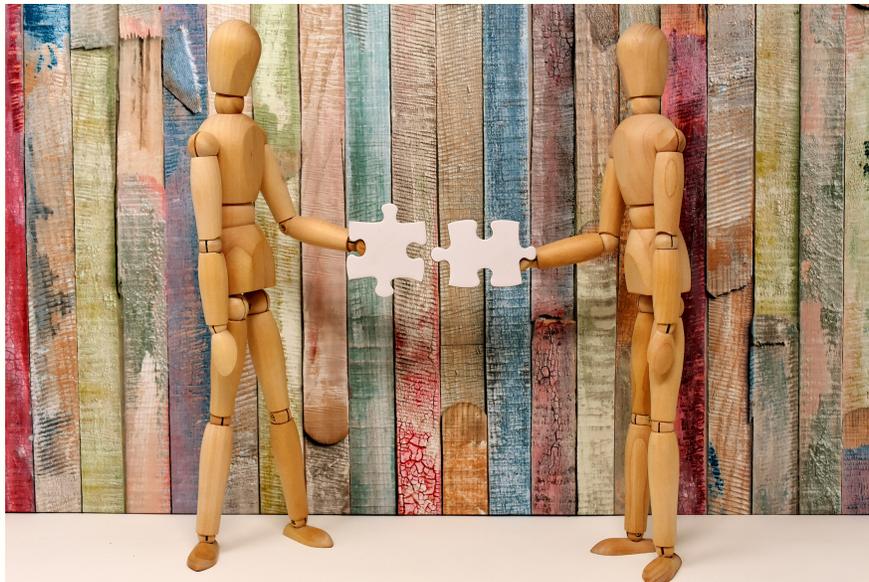
GAMFT Town Hall February Meeting

Time: Feb 28, 2020 12:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://mercer.zoom.us/j/883722258>

Meeting ID: 883 722 258

Dial by your location +1 646 876 9923 US (New York)



41ST Annual Spring Conference

**Hilton Atlanta/Marietta
Hotel and Conference Center**

**Marietta, GA
April 24–26, 2020**



On behalf of the Board of Directors, it is our great pleasure to formally extend an invitation to join us for the 41st annual GAMFT Spring Conference, April 24-26th, at the Hilton Atlanta/Marietta Hotel and Conference Center in beautiful Marietta, GA!

Due to a strong and committed membership in Georgia, the GAMFT spring conference has historically been one of the most successful of the AAMFT geographical programs. Each year, Conference Volunteers (both seasoned members and MFT Students) help make our vision a reality by committing their time and efforts in both planning and implementing this conference. Pulling together large state-wide events are no small feat. Additionally, many of these folks continue to build on the vital work done by seasoned GAMFT members. From ensuring parity with other mental health professions, promoting MFT to potential employers, and elevating and expanding our work across the state—their efforts are the only reason GAMFT exists. We are incredibly grateful every day to have an organization we can be proud of, and we personally want to thank you for the bottom of our hearts.

This is our first year in the Greater Atlanta Area, and we are excited to offer this rotation on a renewal licensure year. Additionally, we tightened up the conference by holding it for three days instead of four. This way you will not lose all your Thursday workday, and still have the opportunity to make the full conference! There will also be opportunity to enjoy a night out in Marietta and Greater Atlanta, while still learning, connecting, and reconnecting with fellow passionate professionals. My hope is that you leave the conference inspired and reinvigorated about systemic family therapy and our place within the field of mental health!

In the following few pages, you will find a snapshot of the conference program which features clinical sessions highlighting systemic relational foundations, 5 potential Ethics hours, a workshop geared toward Students and post-graduates needing to sit for the licensing exam, as well as the profound impacts of grief processes on us both professionally and personally.

We are delighted to welcome Dr. Tracey Laszloffy as our Main Plenary Speaker. Dr. Tracey is well-known in the field of systemic family therapy. In addition to being a prominent relationship therapist, she has extensive experience as a trainer, consultant, faculty coach and clinical supervisor, and she has presented family therapy workshops and seminars both nationally and internationally on healing the wounds of



trauma and oppression, working with marginalized populations, and promoting culturally sensitive approaches to therapy. She also has published extensively in academic journals and has co-authored several books including *Teens Who Hurt*, *Raising Biracial Children*, and *The Black Academic's Guide to Winning Tenure—without Losing Your Soul*.

She recently co-edited and authored several chapters in *Eco-Informed Practice: Family Therapy in an Age of Ecological Peril*. This book reflects her deep belief that the field of family therapy must resist the temptation to conform

with the individualistic bias endemic to mainstream mental health and instead must remain true to its systemic roots by addressing the relationship between our health and well-being and that of the planetary ecological system. The program this year will provide a range of topics for advancing professional clinical skills; encouraging meaningful networking; and the opportunity to meet professional continuing education requirements with 15 potential CEs (plus 2 free additional CEs) with a "Full Conference Package."

Between all sessions, please be sure to meet and network with our outstanding conference exhibitors. These organizations share a wealth of knowledge about services and resources to enhance your professional practice. We also encourage you to partake in our complimentary yoga session Friday afternoon before hitting downtown Marietta or Atlanta. As for Saturday evening, join us for the annual Cocktail Party for connecting with old friends and colleagues and make new ones at this casual and fun social.

Can't wait to see you in Marietta!

[**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER TODAY!**](#)

The 2020 Conference Planning Committee:

Adam Albrite, GAMFT VP and Chair, Jennifer Vann, Edna Abney, Jennifer Lambert-Shute, and outgoing VP, Michael Cook



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LIVING TOGETHER IN A CHANGING WORLD

A SYSTEMIC & RELATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

The problems that bring people to therapy never exist in isolation, rather, they are embedded in multiple overlapping contexts that influence how we experience reality. As systemic therapists, it is imperative that we understand how power intersects these contexts, and be prepared to work clinically with the ways in which the family, the wider social contexts (race, ethnicity, gender, sexual identity, class, religion, nationality etc), and the ecological planetary context influence all our lives, the struggles that clients present with in therapy, and even the process of therapy itself.

This workshop will clarify what constitutes a systemic framework and will examine why it is ever more pressing that we think and act systemically. The hidden wounds of oppression associated with having membership in socially marginalized and devalued groups will be examined as will the impact of ecological factors on the concerns and stressors that clients (and we) experience. Participants will learn specific clinical interventions and strategies grounded in systemic principles that can be used to treat clients within the context of their relationships at the familial, sociocultural and ecological levels.



10 CEs

Dr. Tracey Laszloffy

PRE-CONFERENCE INSTITUTES **2 CEs** **FRIDAY, 4/24, 9AM-11AM**

THREE OPTIONS, CHOOSE ONE!



**GROWING THROUGH GRIEF:
PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL
LESSONS AFTER LOSS**

Dr. Shatavia Thomas



**FROM STUDENT TO CLINICAL
PROFESSIONAL:
PREPARING FOR THE LICENSURE
EXAM PROCESS**

Dr. Andrea Meyer Stinson

SUNDAY ETHICS WORKSHOP **3 CEs**

SUNDAY, 4/26, 9AM-NOON

**3 Ethics
Hours!**



**ETHICAL DILEMMAS OF INADEQUATE
TRAINING AND SUPERVISION FOR
TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE**

Dr. Michele Smith

**Ethics
Hours!**



**ETHICS OF SOCIAL
JUSTICE IN FAMILY
THERAPY**

Dr. Michael Cook

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CONFERENCE PROGRAM SNAPSHOT

Friday, April 24, 2020

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8:00 – 12:30 Registration Open

9:00 – 11:00 **Pre-Conference Institutes (2.0 CE) Choose one when registering**

- Growing through Grief: Personal and Professional Lessons After Loss
Shatavia Thomas, DMFT, LMFT
- From Student to Clinical Professional: Preparing for the Licensure Exam Process
Andrea Meyer Stinson, PhD, LMFT, CFLE
- Ethics of Social Justice in Family Therapy
Michael Cook, ThD, LMFT

**Ethics
Hours!**

11:00 – 12:30 Lunch on Your Own Off-Site

12:30 – 2:15 **Welcome + Introductions!**
Andrea Meyer, President
Adam Albrite, Vice President

**Main Plenary Presentation: Living Together in a Changing World
Defining Systemic, Relational Framework (10.0 CE)**
Tracey Lasloffy, PhD, LMFT

2:15 – 2:30 Break

2:30 – 4:15 **Understanding the Significance of Context**

4:45 – 5:45 **Yoga Session (Hosted by Indigo Gypsy Yoga)**
Open to all Conference Attendees

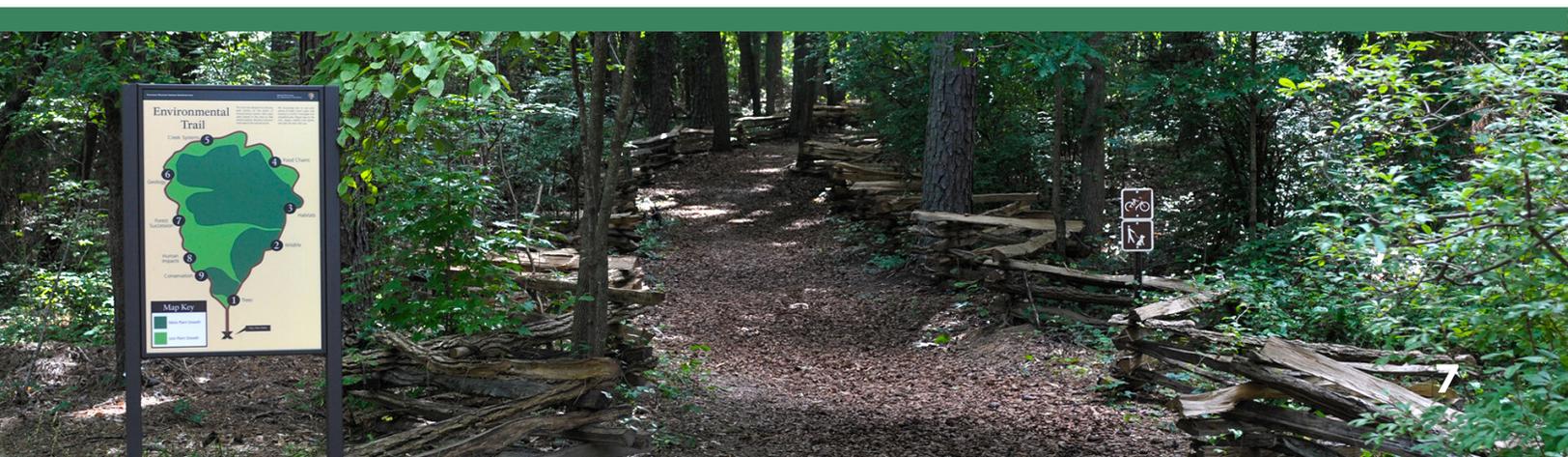
Explore the Local Flavors before Day 2! (See page 7)

5:15 – 6:00 GAMFT Executive Council Meeting + Chapter Chair Meeting

6:00 – 7:00 GAMFT Board Dinner

7:00 – 9:30 GAMFT Board Meeting

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Saturday, April 25, 2020

- 8:00 – 8:30 Annual GAMFT Business Meeting / Coffee /Continental Breakfast
- 8:30 – 10:00 **Main Plenary Presentation, Day 2**
Identifying the Wounds of Oppression
Tracey Lasloffy, PhD, LMFT
- 10:00 – 10:15 Break
- 10:15 – 12:00 **Treating the Wounds of Oppression**
- 12:00 – 1:30 **LUNCHEON (Sponsor Showcase)**
Included in Full Conference Fee and Saturday Main Plenary Only Fee
- 1:30 – 3:15 **Identifying the Impact of Ecological Factors**
- 3:15 – 3:30 **Mindful Break! (Hosted by Indigo Gypsy Yoga)**
- 3:30 – 5:00 **Addressing the Impact of Ecological Factors**
- 5:30 – 7:00 **Networking Cocktail Party + Student Poster Exhibition**
(Light hors d'oeuvres and cash bar + Free **1.0 CE** credit available when you attend and vote!)
- 9:00 - 10:00 **Papaya Party: A Relationship and Sexual Wellness Workshop**
Come learn more about how to speak with clients about sexual health products in a relaxed setting to apply in clinical work (Free **1.0 CE** credit available when you attend)

Sunday Ethics Workshop, April 26, 2020

Ethics Hours!

- 9:00 – 12:00 **Ethical Dilemmas of Inadequate Training and Supervision for Trauma-Informed Care**
Michele Smith, PhD, LMFT **(3.0 CE)**

BOOK YOUR ROOM!

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER TODAY!](#)

The Hilton is offering a special GAMFT group rate: \$125 USD per night

The cut-off date for group reserve is **March 23, 2020 @ Midnight**. Reservations received after that date will be provided on a space-available basis. Check-in time = 4PM, check-out is 11AM. Reservations can also be made online by going to the event's special registration page at: <http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/A/ATLMAHF-GAMCI-20200424/index.jhtml>

You can also make reservations by calling the Hotel Reservations at 1800-HILTONS (1-800-445-8667). You must identify yourself as being with the group, **Georgia Association for Marriage and Family Therapy**, at the time the reservation in order to receive the special group rate. Also, the Group Code = (GAMCI)

LOCAL FLAVORS AND MORE!

<https://www.visitmariettaga.com/>



CATCH A GAME!



FRI
APRIL 24
7:20PM
Atlanta Braves v. New York Mets

CLIMB KENNESAW MOUNTAIN!



GHOSTS
OF MARIETTA

GET YOUR SPOOK ON!



SEE A SHOW!

THE
Lyric
Atlanta Lyric Theatre



HISTORIC MARIETTA SQUARE SHOPPING!

Ticket Options

	GAMFT Clinical Fellow Member Discount	GAMFT Pre-Clinical Fellow/ Retired Member Discount	Regular Admission	Student
Full Conference (*Includes 15 CEs with Pre-Conference Institute, Sunday Ethics, Two-Day Main Plenary, Saturday Continental Breakfast + Luncheon, Cocktail Party with Student Research Showcase, and CE Fee).	Early Bird , \$375 After 3/24, \$400	Early Bird , \$295 After 3/24, \$320	Early Bird , \$445 After 3/24, \$470	Early Bird , \$150 After 3/24, \$175
Main Plenary Only (*Includes Two-Day Main Plenary, 10 CEs, Saturday Continental Breakfast + Luncheon, Cocktail Party with Student Research Showcase, and CE Fee).	Early Bird , \$260 After 3/24, \$285	Early Bird , \$180 After 3/24, \$205	Early Bird , \$310 After 3/24, \$335	Early Bird , \$100 After 3/24, \$125
Pre-Conference Institute Only (*Includes 2 CEs, pick one, Includes Ethics Option)	\$50	\$50	\$60	\$25
Sunday Ethics Workshop Only (*Includes Ethics 3 CEs)	\$75	\$75	\$85	\$35
Friday Main Plenary Only (*Includes 3.5 CEs)	\$88	\$88	\$105	\$40
Saturday Main Plenary Only (Includes 6.5 CEs, Continental Breakfast + Luncheon, Cocktail Party with Student Research Showcase, and CE Fee).	\$215	\$215	\$245	\$75

* Additional 1.0 CE available when you attend Student Research Poster Carousel and vote during Saturday's Cocktail Party and 1.0 CE at Papaya Workshop.

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CONFERENCE SPONSORS
+ EXHIBITORS

CHRIS 180
Changing Directions.
Changing Lives.

motivo
Clinical Supervision. Online.

CHARIS BOOKS & more
Your Independent Feminist Bookstore

Indigo Gypsy Yoga

MERCER UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
Master of Family Therapy

Act2Change
Therapy & Wellness Center

papaya parties

MORE CONFIRMED EACH MONTH LEADING UP TO CONFERENCE!

Legislative Committee Update

The Legislative Committee comprised of Michael Chafin, Michele Smith, David Blanchard, and Dan Upshaw has been very active since the last GAMFT Newsletter.

We made progress last fall, prior to the Legislative Session, in obtaining a Representative to agree to sponsor our 1013 Bill. Deborah Silcox from Sandy Springs met with me and David Hatch (one of her constituents and a neighbor), and she agreed to sponsor our bill, if Sharon Cooper (Chair of the Health and Human Services Committee) gives us a green light. Michael met with Sharon the first week of the legislative session, and she has agreed to help us by suggesting that we meet with Representative Kevin Tanner, who is the Chair of a new Commission formed last year to look into a number of Behavioral Health issues called: The Georgia Behavioral Health Reform and Innovation Commission. He has a sub-committee that is led by a judge that will oversee the whole emergency transportation issue. The Legislative Committee will attend this sub-committee meeting February 7th and will hopefully be involved in what they come up with.

We had a meeting with Mr. Tanner on Friday January 31st. Basically, he gave Michael the green light to contact Judge Brian Amero who is heading this sub-committee saying that our issue needs to be a part of what they come up with. He said that if we drop our bill it would probably go nowhere, so, he suggested that having it be a part of this comprehensive overhaul would be much better.

He and Sharon are on the same page regarding this. Michael contacted the judges office and has a meeting set up just prior to the 2 pm meeting on Feb 7.

David and Dan have had meetings with representatives at the Department of Behavioral Health (DBHDD) and have represented our

interests there very well. They understand our issue and are supportive, even though they cannot officially endorse.

On Monday January 27th, the Committee had several productive meetings as we attempt to forge better relationships. We met with Representative John Lahood from Valdosta who was very receptive, very interested, and asked us a lot of pertinent questions. He wants to be supportive of our initiative. We also met with Deborah Silcox at the ropes and provided her with an update of where we stand. We met with Deborah's assistant to introduce ourselves. And finally, we perused room 310 in the Coverdell Legislative Building which is where our Student Lobby Day will be held. Michael's Senator, Elena Parent, secured this room for us.

Dan has had some excellent meetings with the staff at Grady Hospital with its staff and with its lobbyist. He is attempting to create a ground-well of support from the Hospital that has the best Mental Health Emergency Services in the State. Getting these folks behind us will add a great deal of credibility.

Michael met with Terry Norris on Wednesday January 29th and had a good meeting with him. While he didn't promise, he said that the Sheriffs will probably go neutral if our bill is dropped, and he wants us to provide him with an update on our meeting with Kevin Tanner.

As everyone knows, the legislative process is fluid and fast, with things changing every day, which is why we have someone on the committee dedicated to being down at the Capitol most every day. By the time you read this, the ball will be moved further down the field and many of our planned meetings will be in the past. Just know that we are active, involved, and moving our profession forward.

Legislative Committee Update continued...

It is important to mention **Student Lobby Day**, which will be held on **Thursday, February 20th from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm**. Students from our MFT programs in the state are invited to attend this exciting event. Last year we had 40 attendees who learned about the legislative process, how a bill becomes law, and the “ins and outs” of how to lobby. This year the committee obtained approval from the GAMFT CE Committee to offer two hours of continuing education credit as an incentive to have any interested MFT’s, who are working in the field as Georgia residents and voters, and who want to learn more about this process and call their representatives out of session to educate them about MFT’s by attending Student Lobby Day. Following the presentation, we will all go across the street to meet our Legislators. To register for this event, please email **Michael at: mlchafin@brookwoodcenter.com** with your name, your MFT license number, and your email address. The event is “free!” We are looking for a large turnout this year.

There will be other pieces of legislation that we will be following that have an impact on Georgia families. These will be reported to the GAMFT Board of Director’s meeting on Saturday February 22nd in Macon and will be included in the next GAMFT Newsletter.

Hope to see you at the Capitol!

The Legislative Committee

Michael Chafin, Michele Smith,
David Blanchard, and Dan Upshaw



STUDENT LOBBY DAY 2020

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GAMFT



Get first hand knowledge on how a bill moves through the Capitol to become a law

Empower your MFT Student voice!

Meet with your Local Representatives

Tour the Georgia Capitol Building



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20
8:30AM-12:00PM



COVERDELL OFFICE BUILDING, Room 310
18 CAPITOL SQUARE SW, ATLANTA, GA 30334

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Elections Committee is requesting suggestions and recommendations from GAMFT membership for candidates for the 2020 slate of officers. This year we will be voting on the offices of **President-Elect** and **one member of the Elections Committee**. Each of these positions is important to the continued growth and relevance of our organization so we hope that every member of GAMFT will give thoughtful consideration to the selection of candidates for this year's election. If you have a recommendation and/or if you are interested in serving in one of the positions to be voted upon this year, please contact one of the following members of the 2020 Elections committee:

Adam Froerer, Chair: froerer_as@mercer.edu

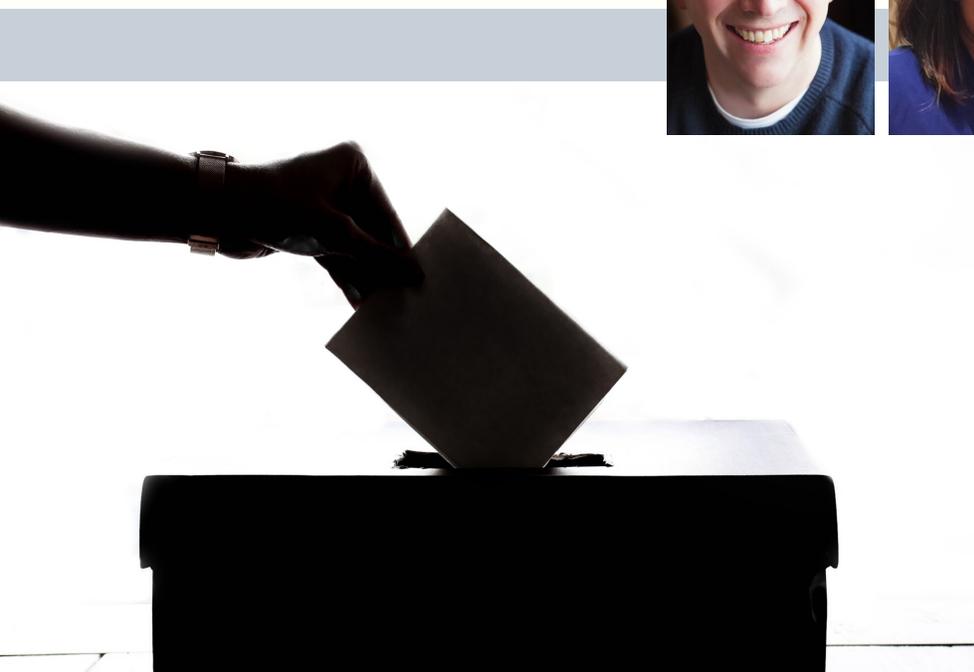
Annisa Pirasteh: annisa.pirasteh@gmail.com

When we receive your recommendation, a member of the Elections Committee will contact that person to ascertain his or her interest and willingness to serve. The completed slate of nominees will be presented at GAMFT's Annual Business Meeting which will be held on Friday, April 24th, at the Spring Conference. During that meeting, membership will have the opportunity to nominate additional candidates from the floor. A nomination from the floor must be supported by a minimum of 10 voting members and must have the consent of the individual being nominated.

Voting will take place by electronic ballot in July. If a paper ballot is preferred, contact the GAMFT office the first week of July. Newly elected officers will then take their positions in January of 2021.

Thank you for helping make GAMFT's leadership strong!

The Elections Committee
Adam Froerer and Annisa Pirasteh



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS!

The [Christus Powell Minority Fellowship Program](#) awards fellowships of \$750 – \$1,500 each to one or two minority students in Georgia annually. This program serves to promote the importance of diversity in both the MFTs and in the services provided across the State. Applicants must be Georgia residents of minority in background, including, but not limited to, African-American, Hispanic or Latinx, American Indian or Alaskan Native, Asian-American, and Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander. Graduating seniors who have been accepted by a graduate degree program in Marriage and Family Therapy, and students enrolled in a graduate or post-graduate training programs in Marriage and Family Therapy are eligible to apply. Preference is given to those who have one or more years remaining in their training program.

Applicants must show promise in and commitment to a career in marriage and family therapy education, research, or practice. An applicant's promise in and commitment to the field of marriage and family therapy may be demonstrated by: academic performance, membership in GAMFT, work experience, and/or future goals. Fellowship recipient(s) will be invited to attend the annual GAMFT Spring Conference, where the award(s) will be presented. The registration fee for the Main Plenary Presentation will be waived for those recipient(s) who attend.

A complete Christus Powell Minority Fellowship Application Packet must contain:

1. Student Documents:

- Fellowship Application Form.
- An essay containing a detailed personal statement identifying your professional interests and goals and describing your commitment to the MFT field. Please explain in what way this fellowship will further your education. (One page only, single-spaced)
- A current resume
- An official transcript of all graduate work completed, or an undergraduate transcript if the applicant's graduate program has not yet begun

2. Supporter Materials:

- A letter of recommendation from the Director of the undergraduate, graduate, or post-graduate training program affirming the applicant's academic status and including an assessment of their promise in and commitment to the field of marriage and family therapy, along with a statement of their potential as a marriage and family therapist.
- One letter of reference (in addition to the letter from the Director of the training program).

Complete application packets must be sent to me, Cecil Walker, Chair of the Selection Committee at cecil.rolston.walker@gmail.com, with "Christus Powell Minority Fellowship Application" in the subject line of your email by March 15, 2020. Use the following two pages to prepare your packet. You can also go to <http://gamft.org/christus-powell-minority-fellowship/> to download this information.

We look forward to meeting you!

Multicultural Affairs Committee Chair

Cecil Walker



APPLICATION PACKET CHECKLIST

(for applicant use only; not to be turned in to GAMFT)

NOTE: Please send all student documents in ONE email. Supporting materials must be sent by your Director and Reference. Both must be sent to **Cecil Walker**, Chair of the Selection Committee at **cecil.rolston.walker@gmail.com**, with **“Christus Powell Minority Fellowship Application”** in the subject line of your email.

Sent by Applicant (Student documents):

- Completed Application
- Personal Statement
- Resume
- Transcript (unofficial electronic)

Sent by Director and Reference (Supporter Materials):

- Letter of Recommendation from Program Director
- Letter of Reference



CHRISTUS POWELL MINORITY FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION

Prospective scholarship applications must complete the form below and include ALL relevant information requested with this application.

Section A: Student Information

Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Email address: _____

Phone: _____

Gender: _____

Ethnicity: _____

Section B: Education

Institution Name	Major	Dates of Attendance	Degree	Graduation Date

Section C: Supporter Information

Name of Director: _____

Title and Organization: _____

Name of Reference: _____

Title and Organization: _____

Submission of Application

- Please include this application with your complete fellowship packet and send to Cecil Walker, Chair of the Selection Committee at cecil.rolston.walker@gmail.com, with "Christus Powell Minority Fellowship Application" in the subject line of your email
- Incomplete application packets and application packets received after the deadline will not be considered.

CALL FOR STUDENT POSTER PRESENTATIONS



The Georgia Association for Marriage and Family Therapy would like to extend all graduate students the invitation to present their work at our 2020 Annual Spring Conference in Atlanta, Georgia on April 24-26th.

Proposals are welcome from all Master's and Doctoral level students. Presentations may consist of research and non-research projects. Research projects do not have to be completed and preliminary data is acceptable.

The poster session will be held on **Saturday, April 25th from 5:30-6:30PM.**

All posters presenters must pay to attend the conference. Since we realize that students are already financially stressed; to help, a reduced fee of \$75.00 for the full conference and a fee of \$50.00 for Saturday only will be offered to all accepted poster presenters.

Submissions are due by April 1, 11:59 pm EST.

To access more information and to submit an application to present a poster, copy and paste the following link into your web browser:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1evaAiv5xbGs5LhyquelVkoJiE2HT2v_jZhPAeX-nQzM/edit



For questions, please email me directly, **Jennifer Lambert-Shute** at jjshute@valdosta.edu.

CLASSIFIEDS

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: Successful counseling practice in Alpharetta looking to add a skilled couples counselor. Experience working with couples in graduate school and/or clinical settings required. Marriage and Family Therapy license an advantage. Must have scheduling flexibility to be willing to see some clients on Fridays and Saturdays. Please send cover letter and resume to andrew@mcconaghiecounseling.com

SUPERVISION: New post graduate supervision group forming this spring. Meets the 2nd Friday of the month 9-11am in Roswell. Cost is \$60. Consultation prior to group start is required. Led by Jennifer Vann, LMFT, AAMFT Approved Supervisor.
<https://www.cornerstonefamilyservices.com/copy-of-jennifer-vann-lmft>

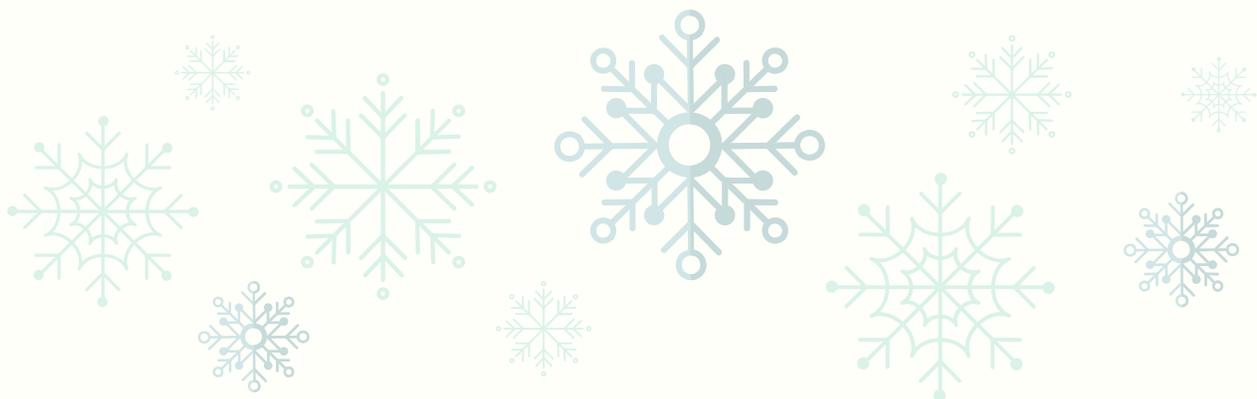
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: Thriving private practice in Woodstock, Georgia seeking licensed clinician to perform intake, therapy, and possible assessment/testing responsibilities. Clinician must be willing to join major insurance panels if not already a participating provider. Warm, friendly work environment with administrative and collegial support. Significant independence and ability to plan own work hours. Please contact office manager, Teresa Ingram, if interested at 770-592-0150.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: Seeking Fully Licensed Professional Counselor, Marriage & Family Therapist or Clinical Social Worker: Eagle Ranch, a Christian children's home in Georgia, has an immediate opening to work in their girls' program. eagleranch.org/employment/counselor

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: Accelerated Recovery Centers is seeking experienced LMFTs for Full-Time and Contract openings in our Family Systems Program. For more information, please contact Scott Ferguson at 678-429-3958 or at sferguson@iwanttostopnow.com. Days, Nights and Weekends.

SUPERVISION: In North Georgia with Mary Carlson, Ph.D., L.M.F.T. Emphasis on encouragement with commitment to growth in skills, etc., desired by therapist. Call 770-393-8964

OFFICE SPACE: BEAUTIFUL OFFICE SPACE NEAR CLAIRMONT AND I-85. Amenities include office supplies, equipment, free parking and handicap access. Reasonably priced. Contact Jeanne Montgomery MA, LMFT 404-633-3347.



UPCOMING CONTINUING EDUCATION

2/11-12 & 2/13-14	Acceptance and Commitment Therapy: 2 Day Intensive Training	12.5 Core Hrs	PESI, Inc.	Abby Klingeberg 1-800-844-8260
2/20	Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias Certification Training	6.25 Core Hrs	PESI, Inc.	Lori Manning 800-844-8260
2/20-21	Telemental Health Professionals: 2 Day Distance Therapy Training	12.5 Core Hrs	PESI, Inc.	Abby Klingenberg 1-800-844-8260
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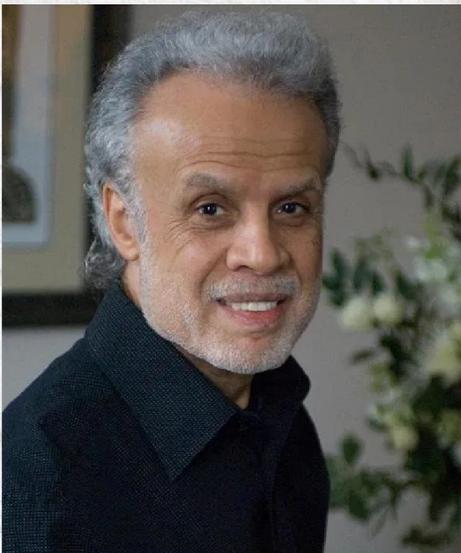
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