**Lacey A. Ricks**

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**EDUCATION**

**Auburn University**, Auburn, AL (CACREP Accredited)

Doctorate of Philosophy in Counselor Education and Supervision August 2014

Dissertation Title: **Attributes, Attitudes, and Perceived Self-Efficacy Levels of School Counselors Toward Poverty**

**Valdosta State University**, Valdosta, GA (CACREP Accredited)

Education Specialist in School Counseling June 2010

**Georgia Southern University**, Statesboro, GA

Master of Education in Counselor Education December 2006

Concentration: School Counseling

**Georgia Southern University**, Statesboro, GA

Bachelor of Science in Psychology May 2005

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**University of West Georgia,** Carrollton, GA

*Assistant Professor*

CEPD 6131: Counseling Theories Spring 2016

CEPD 7141: Professional Orientation and Ethics in Counseling Spring 2016

CEPD 7155: Substance Abuse Counseling Spring 2016

CEPD 6140: Basic Counseling Skills Fall 2015

CEPD 6160: Group Counseling Fall 2015

**Liberty University,** Lynchburg, VA

*Adjunct Professor*

EDCE 522: Career Development and Counseling Spring 2016

EDCE 501: Professional, Ethical, and Legal Issues in Counseling Fall 2015

EDCE 504: Social and Cultural Foundations in Counseling Fall 2015

**Auburn University,** Auburn, AL

*Adjunct Professor*

COUN 7200: Introduction to Measurement and Assessment Summer 2015

**Columbus State University**, Columbus, GA

*Part-Time Faculty*

COUN 6255: Play Therapy Fall 2014

**Auburn University,** Auburn, AL

*Doctoral Internship Teaching Assistant*

COUN 7420: Orientation to School Counseling Spring 2014

COUN 7330: Counseling Diverse Populations Fall 2013

COUN 7200: Introduction to Measurement and Assessment Summer 2013

COUN 7203: Career Development & Vocational Appraisal Summer 2013

COUN 7203: Career Development & Vocational Appraisal Summer 2013

**Auburn University,** Auburn, AL

*Doctoral Practicum Teaching Assistant*

COUN 7410: Clinical Mental Health Counseling - Orientation Spring 2013

COUN 7330: Counseling Diverse Populations Fall 2012

COUN 7310: Counseling Applications of Lifespan Development Summer 2012

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Assistant Professor** August 2015 – Present

University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA

**Adjunct Professor** August 2015 – Present

Liberty University Online, Lynchburg, VA

**School Counselor Grade 9th-12th** July 2014 – June 2015

McIntosh High School, Peachtree City, GA

* Assist with student leadership programs
* Provide individual and group counseling services
* Provide college and career counseling
* Collaborate with teachers and administration on 504 and RTI interventions
* Lead parent, student, and teacher information sessions
* Design and develop school wide counseling interventions and
* Aid in evaluation of school counseling department

**Part-Time Faculty Professor** August 2014 – December 2014

Columbus State University, Columbus, GA

**School Counselor Practicum Intern 10th-12th** January 2012 – May 2012

Smith Station High School, Smith Station, AL

* Provided individual counseling services to at-risk students
* Facilitated group counseling interventions focused on academic and career success
* Connect students to local and state resources

**School Counselor Grades 4th – 8th** July 2010 – June 2011

Walker Middle School, Ludowici, GA

* Provided individual and group counseling to students dealing with personal/social, academic, and career issues
* Assisted with RTI interventions with identified students
* Planned and lead student registration and master scheduling
* Chaired various school committee activities
* Coordinated student referrals to outside agencies and resources
* Planned and conducted faculty development activities
* Collaborated with teachers, parents, and administration to address student issues

**School Counselor Grades 9th – 12th** July 2007 – June 2010

Long County High School, Ludowici, GA

* Implemented and designed school wide career fair and college fair
* Developed transition and educational plans with students
* Assisted students in applying for scholarships, college, and jobs
* Provided individual and group counseling to students dealing with personal/social, academic, and career issues
* Maintained and input information in to school information systems
* Lead and designed parent information sessions
* Submitted and maintained Georgia HOPE records
* Planned and lead student registration and master scheduling for 700 students
* Actively participated in school leadership team

**Graduation Specialist Grades 6th – 12th** January 2007 – May 2007

Candler County Board of Education, Metter, GA

* Identified at-risk students in need of academic and social support
* Developed and implemented interventions to address at-risk student’s needs
* Implemented ninth grade transition interventions
* Collaborated with teachers and parents to meet identified student needs

**School Counselor Intern Grades 9th – 12th** August 2006 – December 2006

Metter High School, Metter, GA

* Identified and worked with at-risk students
* Assisted in development of first high school college fair
* Developed comprehensive school guidance website for school guidance department

**ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Auburn University,** Auburn, AL

***Career Coach,*****Office of Professional Development** August 2012 – May 2014

* Assist undergraduate students in career preparation
* Interpret interest and personality assessments
* Aid undergraduate students in identifying personal goals
* Design career preparation and exploration resources

***Graduate Assistant,*****SERC Department**August 2012 – December 2012

* Identified grants applicable to work site
* Assisted in grant development and submissions
* Developed group and classroom guidance activities for a local low-socioecomic school students’ grades 6th – 12th

***Graduate Assistant,*****Center for Disability Research and Services**August 2011 – August 2012

* Conducted extensive and detailed research for ongoing and future research projects
* Analyzed survey used in research studies
* Identified available grants pertinent to work site
* Recorded survey results into school data based system
* Identified resources for individuals with disabilities

**SERVICE**

***International/National Level***

**Technology Committee, AHC**

Association for Humanistic Counseling August 2014 – May 2015

**Member Spotlight Editor, AHC Newsletter**

Association for Humanistic Counseling Newsletter August 2012 – August 2013

**Proposal Reviewer, ACES 2013 Conference** February 2013

Association for Counseling Education and Supervision

***University Level***

***West Georgia University***

**Recruitment Work Group Member**  Fall 2015 - Present

Department of Clinical and Professional Studies

**Hooding Ceremony Work Group**  Fall 2015 - Present

Department of Clinical and Professional Studies

**Beginning the Year Work Group** Fall 2015 – Present

Department of Clinical and Professional Studies

***Auburn University***

**Student Co-Developer**

Advocacy Training Workshop Hosted by Iota Delta Sigma October 2013

**President** May 2012 - May 2013

Iota Delta Sigma

***State Level***

**Student Representative** July 2013 - June 2014

Alabama School Counselor Association

**AWARDS/FELLOWSHIPS**

**South East Region National Rehabilitation Scholarship** April 2014

National Rehabilitation Association

**Steve Shivers Scholarship** June 2013

Alabama Rehabilitation Association

**Preparing Future Faculty Biggio Fellow** August 2012 - May 2013

Auburn University, Auburn, AL

**Leadership Award** April 2013

Iota Delta Sigma

**PUBLICATIONS**

***Peer Reviewed***

**Ricks, L.,** Hancock, E., Goodrich, T., & Evans, A. (2014). Laughing for Acceptance: A Counseling Intervention for Working with Families. *The Family Journal: Counseling and Therapy for Couples and Families.*

**Ricks, L.**, Kitchens, S., Goodrich, T. & Hancock, E. (2014). My story: The use of narrative therapy in individual and group counseling. *Journal for Creativity in Mental Health*.

American Counselor Association

***Book Chapters***

**Ricks, L.** (*accepted*). How do I Cope? In Wood, C., Portman, T. A., & Tyson, L. E. Critical Incidents in School Counseling (3rd Ed). Alexandria, VA: American Counselor Association.

**Ricks, L.** (*accepted*). Time for Self Care? In Wood, C., Portman, T. A., & Tyson, L. E. Critical Incidents in School Counseling (3rd Ed). Alexandria, VA: American Counselor Association.

**Ricks, L**. (2014). *Hooah! Continuously Making Memories*. In Schumacher, R. A., & Keefe, K. School Counselors Share Their Favorite Group Activities: A Guide to Planning, Conducting, and Process (Vol 2). Association for Specialists in Group Work.

**Ricks, L.,** & Hancock, E. (2014). *A Career For Me?.* In Degges-White, S., & Colon, B. Expressive Art Interventions for School Counselors. Springer Publishing.

**Ricks, L**., & Hancock, E. (2014). *My Superhero Strength*. In Degges-White, S., & Colon, B. Expressive Art Interventions for School Counselors. Springer Publishing.

**Ricks, L**., & Hancock, E. (2014). *Finding Balance through Humor*. In Fineran, K., Nitza, A., Houltberg, B., Reynolds, H., & McCoy, J. Group Work Experts Share Their Favorite Activities: A guide to Choosing, Planning, Conducting, and processing (2nd Ed). Association for Specialists in Group Work.

Kitchens, S., & **Ricks, L**. (2014). *Inside/Outside Perceptions… Who are YOU?*. In Fineran, K., Nitza, A., Houltberg, B., Reynolds, H., & McCoy, J. Group Work Experts Share Their Favorite Activities: A guide to Choosing, Planning, Conducting, and processing (2nd Ed). Association for Specialists in Group Work.

**Ricks, L.**, Prater, T., & Evans, A.M.(2013). *The people in your neighborhood: Using community interviews in a distance education human development course.* In Glass, S., & Dotson-Blake, K. Association for Specialists in Group Work Online Activities Book. American Counseling Association.

Goodrich, T., Hancock, E., **Ricks, L.**, Evans, A.,& Honderich, E.M. (2012). Forward: Creative resource manual. Virginia Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (VACES).

Goodrich, T., Hancock, E., **Ricks, L.**, & Evans, A. (2012). Using humor in substance abuse counseling. *Creative Resource Manual,* Virginia Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (VACES).

**PRESENTATIONS**

***National Scholarly Presentations***

Carney, J., Oliver, S., **Ricks, L.**, & Booker, S. (2014). Addressing School Counselors' Attitudes, Attributions, Self-Efficacy and Beliefs Related to Poverty. American Counseling Association (ACA): Honolulu, HI.

Goodrich, T., Oliver, S., & **Ricks, L.** (2013). Promoting Counselor Well Being in the Classroom and Out. Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (ACES): Denver, CO.

**Ricks, L.**, Hancock, E., & Hansing, K. (2013). Removing Barriers to Social Justice: Teaching School Counselor Their Role in Working with Students with Physical Disabilities. Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (ACES): Denver, CO.

**Ricks, L.**, Hancock, E., Kitchens, S., & Goodrich, T. (2012). Telling my story using narrative techniques. Association for Creative Counseling (ACC): Memphis, TN.

***Regional Scholarly Presentation***

Ricks, L. (2014). What is the school counselor’s role in working with students living in poverty? Southern Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (SACES): Birmingham, AL.

Goodrich, T., Littlebear, S., Hancock, E., & **Ricks, L**. (2014). Approaches for the Culturally-Competent Counselor to use with Offender Clients. Cross-Cultural Issues in Counseling and Education Conference: Savannah, GA.

**Ricks, L.**, Hancock, E., Goodrich, T., & Littlebear, S. (2014). Developing Pre-Service School Counselors Awareness of Their Role in Working with Students with Physical Disabilities. Cross-Cultural Issues in Counseling and Education Conference: Savannah, GA.

Goodrich, T., Hancock, E., **Ricks, L.**, & Kitchens, S. (2013). Identity development for individuals experiencing a sudden onset disability. Cross-Cultural Issues in Counseling and Education Conference: Savannah, GA.

**Ricks, L.**, Hancock, E., Kitchens, S., & Goodrich, T. (2013). Creative techniques in facilitating identity development in diverse population. Cross-Cultural Issues in Counseling and Education Conference: Savannah, GA.

***State Scholarly Presentations***

Ricks, L., & Kitchens, S. (*accepted 2015*). Community Centered Strategies for Increase Low-Income Student Engagement. Georgia School Counselors Association (GSCA): Savannah, GA.

Ricks, L., & Kitchens, S. (*accepted 2015*). Advocating for Increased Inclusion of Low-Income Students and Families within Your School. Alabama Counseling Association (ALCA): Montgomery, AL.

Hancock, E., & **Ricks, L.** (2014). Multicultural competence: Advocacy and accessibility for individuals with disabilities. Alabama Counseling Association (ALCA): Huntsville, AL.

**Ricks, L.**, Kitchens, S., & Booker, S. (2013). Increasing Students Success: Working with Diverse Populations. Georgia School Counselors Association (GSCA): Jekyll Island, GA.

Kitchens, S., & **Ricks, L.** (2013). Strategies for School Counselors Working with Low-Income Students & Families. Georgia School Counselors Association (GSCA): Jekyll Island, GA.

**Ricks, L.**, & Hancock, E. (2013). Removing barriers to social justice: Teaching school counselors their role in working with students with physical disabilities. Alabama Counselor Association Conference (ALCA): Birmingham, AL.

Hancock, E., **Ricks, L.**, & Burkhalter, C. (2013). Advocating for individuals in poverty. Iota Delta Sigma (IDS) Advocacy Workshop: Auburn, AL.

Kitchens, S., **Ricks, L.**, Hancock, E., & Goodrich, T. (2013). Creative techniques in individual and group counseling. High School Leadership Conference (HSLC): Auburn, AL.

**Ricks, L.**, Kitchens, S., & Booker, S. (2013). Working with diverse populations. High School Leadership Conference (HSLC): Auburn, AL.

**Ricks, L.**, & Booker, S. (2013). Developing and Understanding Your Leadership Style. Promoting Leadership in Education Student Leaders Program: Auburn, AL.

Hancock, E., **Ricks, L.**, Kitchens, S., & Goodrich, T. (2012). Career counseling for student-athletes in high school and college. Alabama Counseling Association (ALCA): Montgomery, AL.

Kitchen, S., **Ricks, L.**, Goodrich, T., & Hancock, E. (2012). A Toolbox of Creative Narrative Techniques. Alabama Counseling Association (ALCA): Montgomery, AL.

**GRANTS/CONTRACTS**

**Concession Board Award: Iota Delta Sigma (*Accepted*)** May 2013

Advocacy Training: Training school counselors and clinical mental health counselor within the state of Alabama techniques for advocating for vulnerable populations.

* $500 grant to cover workshop material costs

**Association for Counselor Education and Supervision** September2012

**Research Grant (*Not Funded)***

Advocacy in Action: Training K-12 Teachers and School Counselors-in-Training to Utilize Action Research to Address Literacy in the Classroom.

* $1500 to develop and implement an action research training workshop for K-12 teachers at Notasulga School District

**Build-a-Bear Literacy Grant (*Not Funded)*** August 2012

Build-a-Character: Literacy Initiative to Promote Character Development in an At-Risk School in Rural Alabama.

* $1500 to develop and implement a character development literacy initiative at Notasulga School District

**WORKSHOPS/INVITED GUEST LECTURER**

**Ricks, L.** (April 3, 2013). Choosing a Major & Career. Guest Speaker, Notasulga High School.

**Ricks, L.** (October 29, 2012). Individuals with Disabilities. Guest Speaker, COUN 7330.

**Ricks, L.** (June 17, 2012). Peers and Sociocultural World: Schools, Achievement, and Work. Guest Lecturer, COUN 7310 Counseling Across the Lifespan [Distance Learning Course]

**CERTIFICATION**

**Georgia School Counseling Certification** December2006 - Present

**National Certified Counselor** May 2015 - Present

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

**American School Counseling Association** Fall2006 - Present

**American Counselors Association** Fall2011 - Present

**Association for Counselor Education and Supervision** Spring 2012 - Present

**Georgia School Counselors Association** Fall 2013 - Present

**Southern Association for Counselor Education and Supervision** Spring 2012 – Present

**Alabama Counseling Association** Fall2011 – Present

**Alabama School Counselors Association** Fall 2012 – Spring 2014

**Association for Creativity in Counseling** Summer 2012 – Spring 2013

**Chi Sigma Iota Counseling Academic and Professional Society**  Spring 2012 – Spring 2014

* **Iota Delta Sigma**  Spring2012 – Spring 2014

**Kappa Delta Pi** Spring2012 – Spring 2013