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Candidate for President-Elect-Elect



David Julius Ford, Jr., is a tenured Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Professional Counseling at Monmouth University. Prior to this post, he served as an 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. As a doctoral student, he provided career and academic planning for undergraduate human services majors. Dr. Ford has been a Counselor Educator for 10 years and has taught Career Counseling at 2 universities. 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. Currently, he is the 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 and is beginning his final year of a three-year term.

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+ and is working on a qualitative study exploring those concerns. 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 is the 2020 recipient of the AMCD Samuel H. Johnson Distinguished Service award. Currently, he and his colleagues are completing a qualitative study exploring the career development of Black people who choose to enter the counseling profession.

Goal Statement:

bell hooks' *Homeplace* really resonates with me, and I found my homeplace in NCDA. *Homeplace* is a place where Black people can go to find refuge from racism. While our division is not free from oppression, I have found a place that helps me challenge oppressive systems as they related to career development of clients and students. I want to expand *Homeplace* to include all identities from marginalized and minoritized backgrounds and help make NCDA that homeplace for people in those communities. 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 LGBTQQIA+ community, those impacted by HIV/AIDS, and those from rural communities.