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**BEA Award in Support of Conferences and Workshop  
2020**

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**Workshop or Conference name:** Margins within the Margins: Identities Missed in Developing our Multicultural Competence ACCTA annual conference 2021

**Sponsoring Organization:** Association of Counseling Center Training Agencies ACCTA

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***Please provide responses to the prompts below (limit of 1500 characters for each).***

***Goals and objectives***

*The clarity and nature of the conference or workshop goals and objectives and how they will enhance the training of faculty and supervisors of graduate students, interns, and/or postdoctoral fellows in psychology.*

The Association of Counseling Center Training Agencies (ACCTA) is dedicated to promoting excellence in doctoral psychology internship training within university and college counseling centers. Key objectives of the annual ACCTA Conference are: (a) facilitating the exchange of information and discussion of training issues among university counseling center training directors and coordinators, and (b) enhancing the professional development of persons responsible for directing/coordinating intern training programs. The 2021 ACCTA Conference, Margins within the Margins: Identities Missed in Developing our Multicultural Competence will focus on building the skills and knowledge base of our membership in providing multiculturally affirming training and effective culturally sensitive treatment with a particular focus on expanding multicultural training in areas of diversity that are less frequently addressed, specifically, disability cultural competence and disability issues in psychology training. It is our hope that Dr. Kuemmel will address unique issues experienced by students with disabilities and the social justice issues related to training interns with disabilities, thereby greatly enhancing our training programs. Dr. Kuemmel, with her expertise and knowledge base in rehabilitation psychology and social justice work advocating for culturally sensitive supervision, will lead our discussions and guide development of disability-affirming training activities.

***Leadership***

*The qualifications of the person(s) identified to plan and lead the conference or workshop, relative to the topic of focus. Included in the qualifications should be evidence of national or regional leadership (e.g., publication of scholarly works related to education and training, participation in past workshops, etc.).*

The membership of ACCTA is 199 program members. Members elect a board of directors totaling 10 active ACCTA members who serve for two- year terms. In a systematic manner, five

new board members join each year while the other half of the board completes their term. Hence the board consistently has experienced members serving at any one time. ACCTA also has four officers who serve on the board for two- year terms, except for the President-elect and immediate Past-president, who serve a one- year term on either side of the Presidency, totaling a four -year duration. The current group of ACCTA officers includes Drs. Diane Sobel, Treasurer, University of Kentucky; Daniela Burnworth, Secretary, Wright State University; Cecilia Sun, President Elect, University of Houston; and Carmen Cruz, President, Texas Women's University. The current ACCTA board includes: Drs. Randal Boldt, Baylor University; Debra Broderick, University of St. Thomas; Mari Diaz, University of North Carolina Chapel-Hill; Jod Taywaditep, Northwestern University; Jay Manalo, Western Carolina University; Durriya Meer, Johns Hopkins University; Jennifer Petro, University of Connecticut; Bethany Riddle, Stoney Brook University; Mark Sampson, The Ohio State University; and Charisse Williams, University of Washington. The annual ACCTA Conference is planned and coordinated primarily by the ACCTA board members and officers and the workshops and discussions presented at the conference are all led by ACCTA members.

### ***Participants***

*The qualifications of conference or workshop participants relative to the topic of focus, including their potential for implementing outcomes of the conference or workshop toward enhancing graduate education.*

The participants of the ACCTA conference will be training directors and coordinators of doctoral internship programs in university and college counseling centers. Of ACCTA's 199 member institutions; roughly 78% have APA accredited internships in health service psychology. The remaining sites, are APPIC members and have unaccredited doctoral psychology internships seeking accreditation or in the active process of developing such programs. In addition, many of the centers have active practicum and post-doctoral training programs. All training directors of ACCTA member agencies are eligible to attend the annual conference, and typically 140 training directors (about 70% of membership) do so each year. Historically, the annual conference is a valuable source of information for training directors in the creation, implementation, evaluation and modification of doctoral internship training programs, as well as remaining current regarding national trends and changes in the field of psychology training. The conference also typically provides 10-15 hours of continuing education credits for training directors to maintain their licenses as psychologists. The ACCTA conference is the primary national conference for counseling center internship training directors, and as a result the participants represent a significant constituency of doctoral psychology internship trainers across the country.

### ***Impact***

*The estimated or potential impact of the conference or workshop in terms of the diffusion of new ideas resulting from its outcomes in the education community appropriate to the proposal's focus.*

The ACCTA annual conference offers a unique opportunity for those attending to enhance their understanding and application of current and salient training issues. Because the participants are all actively involved as educators and trainers, the impact of the conference content is effectively

extended to trainees and additional training staff. Consequently, through implementation of conference information, ACCTA Conference attendees have significant potential for influencing future psychology students and their development of professional skills and identity. As a primary national training organization, ACCTA is an important source for both communicating and affecting education and training standards for internships, and is therefore at the forefront of implementing competency expectations for doctoral internship training programs.

Dr. Keummel, a training leader and scholar of disability issues, will bring essential information to our conference sharing expertise about disability training issues with student trainees and expand cultural practice competency. She will help us identify areas of equity and social justice related to disability work, guiding a plan for strategies for implementing disability-affirming training. Her Keynote will further promote deeper understanding of these important training issues for ACCTA members, and subsequently support ACCTA members in giving the highest standard of training consistent with accreditation and effective preparation.

### ***Budget***

*The clarity and completeness of the conference or workshop budget, how realistic it is, and how the grant funds are to be used to offset expenses incurred (e.g., travel, registration, speaker fees).*

Budget for the 2021 ACCTA conference in Kansas City Missouri is:

Speaker Honorarium	\$2,000.00	(BEA Block Grant Money)
Travel	\$ 500.00	(BEA Block Grant Money)
Hotel	\$ 500.00	(ACCTA Matching Funds)
Registration	\$ 550.00	(ACCTA Matching Funds)
Additional Travel and Hotel	\$1000.00 (estimated)	(ACCTA Matching Funds)

for speaker & attendant

Overall Conference Budget:

(Estimated costs)

Food & Beverage	\$60,000
Room rental and A/V costs	\$15,000
Fees for conference planner	\$20,000
	\$95,000