

Melanie Wilcox, PhD

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Biography

Dr. Melanie Wilcox is an assistant professor in the Department of Psychological Sciences, and is an affiliated researcher with both the Institute of Public and Preventive Health and the Department of Psychiatry at Augusta University. She is also a licensed psychologist in Georgia (GA # PSY004400), and is Board Certified in Counseling Psychology, with experience in a number of practice settings and a broad range of clinical issues. She is currently a member of the APA Board of Educational Affairs and served as Board Chair in 2020. Wilcox completed her Predoctoral Internship at the University of Florida's Counseling and Wellness Center, with concentrations in Multicultural Competence, Assessment, and Substance Abuse. Previously, she was the Director of the Psychological Services Clinic at Louisiana Tech, and Assistant Director of the doctoral training clinic shared by Counseling and Clinical Psychology at the University at Albany, which serves as an outpatient clinic for the local community. She additionally has much experience doing group work in substance abuse and crisis treatment in both community and college counseling settings. Her primary research interests are in multicultural counseling, multicultural competencies, and multicultural training. Wilcox is also particularly interested in issues of race, sexual orientation, gender, and social class. Additionally, she conducts research on diversity in higher education, as well as professional issues in psychology, such as leadership development, professional identity development, and training issues.

Areas of Expertise

LGBTQIA+ Equality, Racism and Whiteism, Sexism, Mental Health & Wellness

Affiliations

American Psychological Association, Co-Chair of APA Board of Educational Affairs Holistic Admissions Working Group, APA Board of Educational Affairs, Society of Counseling Psychology (APA Division 17), Society for the Advancement of Psychotherapy (APA Division 29), Society for the Psychology of Women (APA Division 35), Society for the Psychology of Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity (APA Division 44), Society for the Psychological Study of Culture, Ethnicity and Race (APA Division 45), Council of Counseling Psychology Training Programs (CCPTP), Co-Chair of the Leadership Collaborative

Education

Cedar Crest College
B.A. Psychology

University at Albany, State University of New York
Ph.D. Counseling Psychology

Lehigh Carbon Community College
A.S. Psychology

Accomplishments

Augusta University College of Science and Mathematics Outstanding Young Faculty Member
(April, 2022)

Southeastern Psychological Association Outstanding Professional Paper Award
"Multicultural Orientation in Cross-Racial Clinical Supervision Processes and Outcomes" (March, 2022)

Outstanding Publication of the Year Award, Society of Counseling, APA Division 17 (Society of Counseling Psychology)
"It Takes Money to Make Money: Inequity in Psychology Graduate Student Borrowing and Financial Stressors." (2020)

Early Career Award for Distinguished Professional Contributions to Counseling Psychology, APA Division 17 (Society of Counseling Psychology)
(2019)

Outstanding Early Career Professional Supervisor/Trainer Award by APA Division 17 Section for Supervision and Training
(2019)

APA Board of Educational Affairs Cynthia D. Belar Education Advocacy Distinguished Service Award
(2019)

APA Early Career Achievement Award
(2018)

Louisiana Tech University Outstanding Faculty Researcher, College of Education
(2017)

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