

NORTH CAROLINA PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

2018 NCPA CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION

The electronic ballot for voting in the 2018 NCPA election was e-mailed to all voting members on Wednesday, May 9, 2018. Voting closes Wednesday, May 30. Below is biographical/position statement information for all of the candidates. Names where there are two candidates are listed in alphabetical order.

PRESIDENT- ELECT

Mary L. Evers, Ph.D. Dr. Evers received her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from UNC-Chapel Hill after completing an internship in Pediatric Psychology at Duke University Medical Center. She also completed the Texas A&M Postdoctoral Certificate in Psychopharmacology in 2007. Dr. Evers began her career as a Pediatric Psychologist at Pitt County Memorial Hospital and the ECU Medical School, Department of Pediatrics. She then worked at the Center for Development and Learning at UNC-Chapel Hill.

In 1988, Dr. Evers opened Durham Pediatric Psychology, one of the first integrated pediatric primary care practices in the country. She was also appointed as a Clinical Assistant Professor in the UNC-Chapel Hill Clinical Psychology program for several years during this time. After nearly 28 years of working with the pediatricians at Durham Pediatrics and later also in the Pediatrics Department at Lincoln Community Health Center in Durham, Dr. Evers took her current position as the Director of Child Behavioral Health for Rural Health Group, a Community Health Center (FQHC) with clinics in 5 rural NC counties on the Virginia border.

Dr. Evers has been an active member of NCPA since the beginning of her career, having served in several capacities. She began as a member and eventually co-chair of the Program/CE Committee. She became a member of the NCPA Board of Directors during that time and then a founding member of the Board of Directors of the NC Psychological Foundation. Dr. Evers then took a brief hiatus from NCPA leadership to work with APA's Division 55 (American Society for the Advancement of Pharmacotherapy). When she returned to NCPA, she served as NCPA's Prescriptive Authority Chair and as a member of the Board of Directors of NCPA's Division of Independent Professional Practice. She is now on NCPA's Long Range Planning Committee. In addition to serving on various committees and boards, Dr. Evers has been a frequent presenter at NCPA conferences and a frequent contributor to the North Carolina Psychologist.

“It is a great honor to be nominated for NCPA President. NCPA has been my professional home for my entire career and it has been a privilege to serve the organization and my fellow psychologists. I am deeply grateful for the opportunities I have had to work with and get to know so many talented and dedicated colleagues as well as NCPA's incredible staff. Psychologists in NC are fortunate to have this outstanding and highly respected organization available as a professional resource.

While Psychology continues to face many challenges from healthcare reform to tight budgets and declining reimbursements, NCPA is confronting its own challenges. Most immediately, we will be transitioning to the future that will follow the retirements of Sally Cameron as our Executive Director and Charlie Cooper as our Director of Professional Affairs. As we celebrate NCPA's 70th anniversary this year and our proud history as a highly successful organization, we will also need to take significant steps to ensure that NCPA is thriving and relevant for another 70 years. I look forward to the opportunity to continue to serve NCPA as we work to make these transitions and become an even stronger organization."

Elliot M. Silverstein, J.D., Ph.D., ABPP is a clinical professor of Psychiatry and the Director of Psychological Services at Child Psychiatry Outpatient Program on the Raleigh Campus of the UNC School of Medicine Department of Psychiatry. Formerly, he was Director of Psychology for Dorothea Dix Hospital. Currently, Elliot is also an adjunct professor at the UNC School of Law teaching courses in Interviewing and Counseling and Negotiation. He graduated from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania and received his law degree from Harvard University, and a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. In 1987, he received a Diplomate in Forensic Psychology, American Board of Professional Psychology.

Since 2000, Dr. Silverstein has been a Co-Chair for the Professional Affairs and Ethics Committee of the North Carolina Psychological Association (NCPA) and serves on NCPA's Board of Directors. As part of his duties as Co-Chair of the NCPA Ethics Committee, he routinely assists psychologists who are dealing with difficult clinical, legal and ethical dilemmas. He has designed and given numerous workshops and presentations on Ethics and Risk Management, including a biennial ethics workshop at Duke University Medical Center. He also maintains an active part-time psychotherapy practice and has extensive experience working with professionals and executives.

"It is a great honor to be nominated to serve as president of NCPA. For as long as I have been serving on the Board, I have always been impressed with the caliber of psychologists who are willing to devote their time and resources to help the organization and the practicing psychologists in the state. With the retirement of Sally Cameron who has served the state and our membership so admirably, our organization faces an enormous change. In addition, the ever-changing nature of providing services, the advent of the electronic medical record and the promise and problems with more integrated care are all challenges that will affect how we practice.

I look forward to continuing to help NCPA to provide leadership as we move forward. In addition, I hope to assist with the transition to a new executive director and I am committed to fostering good relationships with our Psychology Board and seeing if North Carolina can move to a more collaborative means of resolving ethics complaints and issues."

TREASURER

Madeleine Crockett, Ph.D. – Dr. Crockett received her doctorate in Counseling Psychology from University of Minnesota in 1994. She completed an internship at the University of Miami and Jackson Memorial Medical Center in Miami, Florida. In 2017 Dr. Crockett retired from her position as Clinical Director of Whitaker Psychiatric Residential Treatment Center (PRTF) in Butner, NC. Prior to working at Whitaker PRTF she held a position as Clinical Assistant Professor at UNC-Chapel Hill and did clinical work at John Umstead Hospital, and later at Central Regional Hospital, with patients with severe and persistent mental illness. Her responsibilities at the hospital in later years included working in leadership positions with management teams and interdisciplinary groups of staff on units throughout the hospital to problem-solve and coordinate projects. Since 1995 she has also maintained a small private practice.

She has maintained active membership in NCPA since 1995. Her work for NCPA has included serving with the Legislative Committee and as a Regional Representative.

“As a member of NCPA for nearly 25 years, I have been consistently impressed by the talent and professionalism of its leadership, of NCPA staff, and of the membership. I have appreciated the fact that NCPA has consistently prioritized, and taken a leadership role in working toward, improved access to both public and private mental health services for the people of North Carolina. I am proud of our organization’s strong commitment to these efforts.

I have chosen to run for Treasurer because I believe my interests and skills, including attention to detail, experience with budgets and spreadsheets, organizational skills, ability for critical appraisal, and my experience contributing to strategic planning as part of a management team make me well suited to serve in this capacity. I know that as Treasurer it is important to be able to explain reports simply and clearly, to assist in fundraising, to understand the laws governing the organization, and to work cooperatively with the finance committee and the staff, and believe I am capable of doing so. I am excited to be considered for this opportunity.”

Amanda Seavey, Ph.D. received her doctorate in Clinical Psychology from the University of Tennessee and completed her internship at Duke University Medical Center in the CBT track. After completing internship, Dr. Seavey co-founded Praxis Psychological Services, an ACT-based clinic in North Raleigh. Dr. Seavey works in private practice full time treating adults and adolescents with a wide range of mental health concerns. She has taken on service roles throughout her education and career, including serving on the executive committee of the Graduate Student Association during her time at the University of Tennessee and, more recently, on the Early Career Psychologist (ECP) committee of the NCPA.

“As service and community are two of my core values, the opportunity to be more deeply involved with NCPA as treasurer feels exciting and values consistent. I’ve been an active member of NCPA since completing internship and find this organization to be an invaluable resource. I believe the benefits afforded to me by participating in NCPA are a direct result

of the contributions of officers and members who've served over the years. Given the opportunity, I look forward to paying it forward by serving as treasurer in a professional, accurate, and efficient manner. I hope to work collaboratively with other leaders of NCPA to serve as advocates for psychology and an organized voice for psychologists across the state. Thank you for your consideration."

NORTH PIEDMONT REPRESENTATIVE

Nancy Laney, Ph.D., C.R.C. Dr. Laney received her doctorate from Temple University. She worked as a therapist in the Philadelphia area for 11 years before coming to North Carolina in 1995. She is currently employed as a forensic psychologist at Central Regional Hospital in Butner and has a part-time private psychotherapy practice in Durham. Dr. Laney has served on the Legislative and Diversity Committees for NCPA and has been a delegate to the State Leadership Conference.

NCPA is the voice for North Carolina psychologists to practice, grow and change as a profession. It is essential that we work collectively on current and future issues that affect our ability to offer professional services to the public and to improve the quality of our work lives. NCPA provides the structure, opportunities, and passion for us to meet these needs. Your participation at any level, whether it is paying dues, answering a survey, attending a hosted event, mentoring an early career psychologist, or lobbying the legislature, matters. As the regional representative in the Durham area, I want to address your needs and keep you connected to NCPA. By communicating with my colleagues in the region, I want to be your voice in liaising with the NCPA board.

NORTHWEST PIEDMONT REPRESENTATIVE

Dr. Kelly O'Laughlin, Psy.D., MT-BC holds two Masters Degrees from Immaculata University in Immaculata, PA, in Music Therapy and Educational Leadership. She earned her Psy.D. in Clinical Psychology from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine with a special research interest in autism spectrum disorders. She completed a post-doctoral certificate in Applied Behavior Analysis through Pennsylvania State University. Dr. O'Laughlin completed her pre- and post-doctoral training at NorthEast Treatment Centers in Philadelphia where she also supervised Behavioral Health Rehabilitative Services (BHRS) in both home and school for children with autism spectrum disorders and severe conduct and behavioral disorders. Dr. O'Laughlin has additional experience as a special education teacher, behavioral consultant, and music therapist. Even as a licensed psychologist, she has maintained her board certification in music therapy. Since relocating to North Carolina over five years, ago Dr. O'Laughlin transitioned from working as a provider in a Behavioral Medicine practice to establishing the Autism Clinic for the ABC of NC Child Development Center. The Autism Clinic provides psychological testing and therapy for individuals diagnosed with autism and their families. The organization operates on the premise that autism not only affects the individual with the diagnosis, but also impacts the entire family; therefore the clinic provides therapy for families, parents, and siblings. Dr. O'Laughlin believes that by working with Board Certified Behavior

Analysts at ABC of NC, her clients and their families have increased education and interventions by providing them with free parent training classes, ABA supported interventions and services, and increased awareness of and support for autism spectrum disorders. ABC of NC has also worked extensively with area school districts to provide additional training to teachers, counselors, and school psychologists, and provides practicum and internship opportunities for area nursing, recreational therapy, counseling, and office administration students. It was the overall potential for providing all these supports and services that inspired Dr. O'Laughlin to join ABC of NC.

“NCPA is a vital state organization, providing support to psychologists across a variety of experience levels and service populations. I personally have utilized NCPA throughout my career and find their policy and legislation supports, vast continuing education opportunities, and level of insurance advocacy to be on par with any national organization. If elected, I would support NCPA's mission to “advocate for psychology as a science, a profession, and means of promoting human welfare.” My goal would be to advocate and support the diversity of all our members in the Piedmont Triad and to ensure the ongoing education of professionals and the public in realizing the necessity of psychologists in treatment, research, and evaluation capacities.”

COASTAL REPRESENTATIVE

Griffin Pollock Sutton, Ph.D. is a North Carolina native, having been born in Wilmington and raised in Burgaw (outside of Wilmington). She earned her undergraduate degree from Wake Forest University, after which she spent some time training with Antonio E. Puente, Ph.D., prior to applying for graduate school. Dr. Sutton earned her Ph.D. from the University of Nevada Las Vegas under the mentorship of Daniel N. Allen, Ph.D. She completed her pre-doctoral internship at the VA North Texas Health Care System in Dallas, Texas, and she completed her post-doctoral training under the mentorship of Dr. Puente in Wilmington. Dr. Sutton opened a private practice in December 2013 – Tidal Neuropsychology, PLLC, located in Hampstead. Her practice provides neuropsychological assessments and individual therapy services to individuals in the southeastern North Carolina region.

As a former student of Dr. Puente's, Dr. Sutton comes from a background in which service within one's psychological association is heavily valued. She participated in a round-table discussion at the North Carolina Psychological Association offices last spring, during which time Dr. Sutton met with other psychologists from across North Carolina to discuss issues relevant to psychology, and how NCPA can help with those issues. She felt energized by the experience and left excited and eager to become involved in NCPA on a deeper level. She is looking forward to serving her region as the area's NCPA representative, and to serving the psychologists across the state as a result.

SANDHILLS REPRESENTATIVE

Dr. Christine Ganis, Psy.D. received her Psy.D. in Clinical Psychology (Cognitive Behavioral Therapy) from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM). She completed her internship with Dr. Glenn Waller in Eating Disorders at St. George's Hospital, London, which was part of the NHS Trust, where she worked with an international team. Prior to moving to NC in 2010, she was a member of the Pennsylvania Psychological Association since the early 1970's, where she wrote for the **Pennsylvania Psychologist**, served on **Healthy Workplace Awards** Committee, and various planning initiatives, including **Lobby Day**. Her early career was spent working at **Harrisburg State Hospital** as a psychological associate. For the past 25 years she maintained a fulltime private practice in eating disorders, health psychology, and women's issues in Harrisburg. She helped to establish the Institute for Psychotherapy, which ran several peer supervision groups and regional conferences over that same period.

Dr. Ganis joined NCPA shortly after moving to NC because of her commitment to working together for progressive change, such as eliminating corporal punishment in the schools, veterans' rights, children's issues, and needed court reforms (veterans treatment courts). She has been active in these areas in her writing for NCPA, and in the community with **NC Child**. She was a founding member of **Fayetteville Community Blueprint**, a linchpin for improving conditions in 8 areas that affect military families, from Family Readiness to Behavioral Health. She also serves on the **Living in the New Normal Committee (LINN)**, which sponsors the annual **Forward March Conference** through SR-AHEC. She serves on the Program Committee of her local **Sandhills Community College (Ruth Pauley Lectures)**, where she serves as the outreach person for psychology speakers, the League of Women Voters, Senior Enrichment Center, and American Association of University Women, where she is Branch president. She teaches Mental Health First Aid, and CBT for Insomnia (clinical trial with U Rochester and First Health). In 2015 she received the Governor's Award for Volunteerism for Moore County.

Dr. Ganis has seen positive changes occur only through persistence and group effort in psychology in Pennsylvania and North Carolina. I know large challenges remain (dearth of providers while the need grows in Education, prison populations, veteran's and substance abuse treatment, as well as licensure portability and comity of requirements. I have also seen the value of many hands, hearts, and minds of local psychologists working together as our path forward. I have enjoyed the collegiality of my local Sandhills Regional group for several years, and I would be honored if they wish me to represent them.