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2009 CCAPS Joan Dallum Graduate Student Research Award

Joe Miles, M.A.
University of Maryland- College Park

Presented at Boston, 2010

The Joan Dallum Graduate Student Research Award encourages quality research by graduate students and entry level professional in counseling and human development by recognizing their accomplishment to the members of CCAPS. The recognition includes a certificate plaque and cash stipend for the winner. There were five strong submissions this year for this award.

This year's winner is Joseph Miles a Doctoral Candidate in the Counseling Psychology Program at the University of Maryland, College Park.

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Joseph received his B.S. in Psychology from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and his M.Ed. in Educational Psychology also from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Outside of research and attending classes Joseph enjoys having BBQ's with friends and listening to live music in Washington D.C. He is also proud of his rather large Pez dispenser collection.

His research and clinical interests include: multicultural and diversity issues, group dynamics and group interventions. His submission for the Joan Dallum Graduate Student Research Award was titled "What's Group Got to Do With It? An Actor Partner Interdependence Analysis of Intimate Behaviors in Groups". His study looked at the "the effect of a group on the behavior of individual group members in interpersonal growth groups led as part of a course on group processes in a university setting". For those who work in college counseling centers, we realize the importance of all different types of groups in our work. Joseph hopes that his research will assist leaders of all types of group work including group therapy, intergroup dialogues, and even classroom group behaviors to provide a better group experience for their participants.

The awards committee and all of CCAPS would like to applaud Joseph's hard work to help better the field through his research efforts.

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