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2009 CCAPS Mid-Level Career Achievement Award



Stacey M. Pearson, Ph.D.

University of Central Florida Counseling Center

Presented at Boston, 2010

The Mid-Level Career Achievement Award is given to honor and reward the exemplary achievements of an individual's mid-level career contribution to the field of college and university counseling and psychological services. Eligibility requires the nominee received their highest academic degree 10 to 20 years prior to nomination for the award.

This year, the CCAPS Awards Committee is excited to recognize Stacey M. Pearson as the recipient of the Mid-Level Career Achievement Award. Stacey received her PhD from Penn State University just 10.5 years ago and has already accomplished so much in her career. Stacey has such an enthusiasm for the field of counseling and psychological services, and those around her can easily feel her passion and positive energy. She demonstrates ambition and drive, and serves as a great example to others in the field. In her nomination letter, Dr. Carolyn Bershaw wrote of Dr. Pearson: "I continue to be struck by Stacey's energy and enthusiasm for what we do. She encourages others through example, and evidences dedication and hard work through all she has accomplished."

Stacey is also an incredibly impressive leader. Stacey is already the Director of a large counseling center, the University of Central Florida Counseling Center, where she has been since November 2008. Prior to this and so early in her career as a psychologist, she served as an Associate Director of the University of Michigan Counseling and Psychological Services for four years. She also served as Chair of CCAPS from 2005-6. Stacey's work as a leader, collaborator, administrator, and beyond is simply extraordinary.

Stacey also remains active providing therapy, conducting outreach, and presenting research. She continues to publish relevant articles in professional journals. Her focus on race, suicide prevention, diversity issues, emotional eating, and other topics clearly enhances several of the goals of the Commission.

Therefore, it is with great pleasure that we present the CCAPS Mid-Level Career Achievement award to Dr. Stacey Pearson.

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