



DEI-SIG newsletter

Happenings!

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DEI-SIG Aims

The **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) SIG** aims to help members with different backgrounds share their perspectives within ACBS. Learn more at the website homepage: <https://deisigacbs.wixsite.com/website>



DEI SIG Writing & Publication Group

The DEI SIG is hosting monthly meetings for members interested in writing and publishing in academic, professional, and social capacities. Group activities include collaborative brainstorming, guest speaker presentations, and writing accountability.

For the run-up to the 2022 ACBS World-Con, we will focus on conference submissions.

This group is open to all, especially students and those from historically underrepresented and marginalized groups. Also, those for whom English is not their native language.

Register in advance for our next meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYofuCtpjMoHNyXnTk8UVXGtrVITEPPLNt>

Special November Guest: Dr. Luisa Canon

Ever wondered what makes a great ACBS Conference submission? In November, Luisa Canon, Psy.D, will join us as a special guest speaker to answer questions about the ACBS WorldCon submission process and what kinds of content the conference planning committee seeks. Date & Time to be determined. Stay tuned for the DEI SIG Listserv for more information.

New Podcast! Voices & Values of ACBS

Jacob Martinez, LPC, is hosting a new podcast called Voices & Values. In it, he sits with members of ACBS and goes deep on life, values, and the personal contexts that shape our lives.

Subscribe on all major podcasting platforms: <https://anchor.fm/voices-values>



DEI Trainer/Researcher/Guest Directory

The DEI Committee has created a directory of trainers, researchers, and professionals interested in DEI topics. This directory is also primarily composed of individuals of diverse backgrounds. If you are looking for a guest for your podcast, a

research collaborator, or a presenter for training, you can find this directory here:

https://contextualscience.org/dei_trainerresearchrequest_directory

Also, if you are an underrepresented member of the ACBS community who would like your work highlighted, then please fill out this form:

[DEI Trainer Directory Form](#)

MEND and MEND Allies Collaborate with ACBS Partners



Since the summer of 2020 (after the George Floyd incident), certain ACBS noted persons have been collaborating with the non-profit organization MEND. MEND (more information at www.mendminds.org) is an ever-growing “army” of clinicians of color across the U.S. and beyond. Each of these clinicians is committed to provide pro-bono trauma treatment and care to patients of ethnic communities for at least two clients a year. In return, we are collectively becoming trained in various trauma treatment modalities (EMDR, DBT, TFCBT, ACT, etc.) that demonstrate efficacy in addressing complex trauma. Training is being conducted at discount prices through a partnership with the most well-known trainers in each modality.

The ACT arm of MEND training is fully functioning due to the generosity and passion of several ACBS members. MEND would like to thank the following ACT members for their ongoing support of MEND through training,

clinical/ peer supervision, and MEND Allies social justice work (in alphabetical order):

- Matt Boone
- Melissa Connally
- Meg McKelvie
- Miranda Morris
- Temple Morris
- Debbie Sorensen
- Joanne Steinwachs
- Robyn Walser
- Shawn Whooley

Also, **special thanks** from go out from the CEO of MEND and the board of directors to Spencer from PRAXIS for his ongoing support of MEND.

Clinicians of color: If you are a clinician of color, consider joining MEND! We are having a wonderful time together, learning these various treatment modalities. It is a unique space where we have a common goal – healing our traumatized communities through diversity, equity, inclusion, and social justice. For questions, email Jennifer Payne at jennifer@drjspayne.com.

Others: If you are not a clinician of color, consider joining MEND Allies! You can obtain more information about MEND Allies from Meg McKelvie at megmckelvie@gmail.com.



If you have any thoughts or suggestions, you can reach the DEI-SIG committee co-chairs Jacob Martinez at jacob@actnaturally.net or Jennifer Payne at jennifer@drjspayne.com.