

2024 Durstan R McDonald Teaching Award

Dr. Casey Barrio Minton

Professor, Leader, Author, Mentor, Friend. Your legacy of developing scholarship and leaders within counselor education through inclusive pedagogical practice is one of continued excellence and celebration.

After earning your bachelor's degree in Sociology and Communication from St. Norbert College in De Pere, Wisconsin, you attended the University of North Carolina at Greensboro where you received both your Masters of Science in Counseling and your Doctor of Philosophy in Counseling and Counselor Education with a certificate in Women's and Gender Studies.

Having been touted for your prowess and insight, you were encouraged to pursue both degrees and were formed through the mentorship of great leaders like Dr. Jane Myers whose strength lives on in your care and attentiveness for others in counselor education.

You began your teaching career at the University of North Texas supporting students through their understanding of crisis management, trauma-informed care, and cultural identity development. You were granted early tenure and promotion due to your stellar research and publications in the areas of curriculum and pedagogical development, counselor emergency preparedness training, and counseling leadership. You took those talents to the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, where you have achieved the rank of Full Professor and, most recently, Department Head.

You have served in many leadership roles, including President of the Chi Sigma Iota International Counseling Academic and Professional Honor Society and President of the National Association for Counselor Education and Supervision. You have been honored for your mentorship, scholarship, and leadership with many awards, including "Leadership in Counselor Education Fellow" through CSI, Fellow of the American Counseling Association, and the 2020 David K. Brooks, Jr., Distinguished Mentor Award through the American Counseling Association.

You teach and train students with tireless dedication, serving as the Dissertation Chair to over 25 Doctoral Candidates and as a Dissertation Committee member to 38 other Candidates (including three of our own faculty members). You have presented over 100 presentations at the regional, national, and international landscape. You have authored or co-authored 9 books. Many speak highly of your care and love within the counseling profession. Yet all those accolades are in connection to the powerful impact of the relationships you have forged as an educator, parent, mentor, and friend.

When asked about your support and role as a mentor, Dr. Nancy Thacker of the University of Vermont wrote, "Learning from Casey was such an honor. Everyone who reads her scholarship or experiences her organizational leadership knows that she is a thoughtful, competent educator. But it's Casey's ability to model effective practice for students through teaching that has really made an impact. That modeling - such intentional mentorship - that's what makes her a special educator."

In gratitude for this diligent service and commitment to the communities you serve, the Faculty of Seminary of the Southwest present you with the 2024 Durstan R. McDonald Teaching Award.