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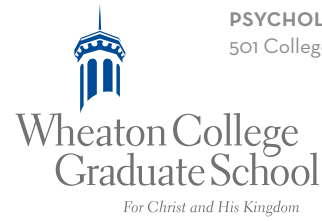
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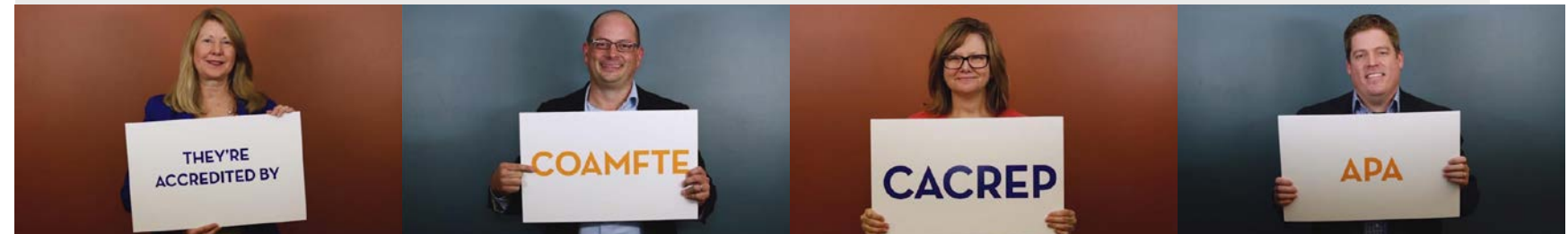
# Liaison

A Periodic Newsletter of the Graduate Psychology Programs at Wheaton College

## WHEATON COLLEGE

### GRADUATE PSYCHOLOGY PROGRAMS:

*Pursue Justice; Serve with Excellence; and Develop Holistically.*



## Accreditation Update: All 3 programs are accredited!

We are delighted to announce that the 3 graduate programs of the Psychology Department at Wheaton College have earned accreditation by the accrediting bodies of each program's professional organization.

The Psy.D. program was re-accredited last year through 2022 by the Commission on Accreditation of the American Psychological Association. The M.A.-Clinical Mental Health Counseling program is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) through 2024. The M.A.-Marriage and Family Therapy program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education (COAMFTE) through 2021.

We anticipate that program accreditation will make our programs even more attractive to prospective students which will aid in fostering the vision of Wheaton College Graduate Psychology Department to groom psychologists, therapists and counselors to serve underserved and marginalized populations and the church for the next generation. Additionally, a resulting benefit of accreditation to graduates will be easier professional licensure application processes in most states. Join us in celebration and gratitude!

**INTRODUCING LIAISON**  
This is the eleventh publication of Liaison and is designed for alumni and friends of the graduate psychology programs at Wheaton College, including doctoral and master's level curricula.

### FACTS

- The Psy.D. program in Clinical Psychology was established in 1993 and has been continuously accredited by the American Psychological Association since 1998. This five-year program admits some 18-20 students annually.
- The M.A. program in Clinical Mental Health Counseling (formerly Clinical Psychology), a two-year program, was established in 1977 and matriculates approximately 25 students per year.
- The M.A. program in Marriage and Family Therapy, a two-year program, was established in 2012 and matriculates approximately 24 students per year.





## Accreditation

### CONTACT INFORMATION

The Clinical Mental Health Counseling program is accredited by The Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP).

#### CACREP

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Alexandria, VA 22314  
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The Marriage and Family Therapy program is accredited by Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education (COAMFTE).

#### COAMFTE

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Alexandria, Virginia 22314  
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The Psy.D. program at Wheaton College is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of the American Psychological Association (COA).

#### COA

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### New Scholarships Donated by Frances J. White

Dr. Fran White is the founder of the Graduate Psychology Program at Wheaton College, and has had a global impact both overseas as a missionary and locally as a professor at Wheaton College. She has lived an extraordinary life, growing up in a multicultural environment which led her to pursue opportunities involving a worldwide counseling ministry. As a young adult, she spent two years training in French and African studies in Belgium and Switzerland before moving to Africa. There, she mobilized Christian students and trained leaders by working with organizations like Africa Inland Mission and National University of Zaire (now Congo) for thirteen years. "Fran spent her whole life serving Christ through missionary work and through her teaching. Developing the graduate program at Wheaton College is a continuation of that," states Associate Dean of Psychology, Dr. Terri Watson.

This is evidenced by her two new scholarships, the Frances J. White Scholarship for Mental Health and Ministry available in the fall of 2016, and the Frances J. White Scholars in Global Ministry available in the fall of 2017. These scholarships will be available to Wheaton College M.A. in Clinical Mental Health Counseling and M.A. in Marriage and Family Therapy students in order to fulfill Dr. White's passion to bring emotional healing to the world through counseling. More information about these scholarships can be found at [www.wheaton.edu/Graduate-School/Financial-Aid/Scholarships/Frances-J-White-Scholarships](http://www.wheaton.edu/Graduate-School/Financial-Aid/Scholarships/Frances-J-White-Scholarships).

The Clinical Mental Health Counseling program is honored to welcome new

## Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program

### WELCOME TO NEW CMHC FACULTY DR. BELLA KITEKI



Assistant Professor of Counseling, Dr. Bellah Kiteki. Dr. Kiteki is a Licensed Professional Counselor (Ohio) and a National Certified Counselor. She received her M.A. in Kiswahili Studies from University of Nairobi, M.A. in Clinical Mental Health Counseling from Bowling Green State University, and her Ph.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision from The University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Dr. Kiteki's research interests are primarily with adolescent refugees from war-torn countries in Africa. Her work with refugees began in her home country in Kenya and she continues to focus on children and adolescent refugees in resettlement.

## Psy.D. Program

### WELCOME TO 2 NEW PSY.D. FACULTY



**Dr. John McConnell**, Assistant Professor of Psychology, comes to the program after clinical appointments at Veteran's Affairs Medical Centers. He teaches Cognitive Behavioral Theory & Therapy, Research and Stats courses and Practicum Seminar. He directs the Forgiveness Lab and his research and scholarship areas are forgiveness and moral injury, particularly as the topic as it relates to underserved populations, such as the elderly, prisoners, and victims of war. He also studies clinical judgment errors and neuropsychological assessment, particularly topics related to normal aging, dementia, and decision-making capacity. A fun fact - Dr. McConnell considers himself a Chicago-style pizza connoisseur and loves all things gastronomy.



**Dr. Vitaliy Voytenko**, Assistant Professor of Psychology, serves as the program's Director of Clinical Training (DCT). Most recently, Dr. Voytenko held a joint appointment with Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Hospital and the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine at Michigan State University College of Human Medicine. Dr. Voytenko currently teaches

the Clerkship course in addition to DCT responsibilities. His research and scholarship area is treatment resistant depression. Dr. Voytenko is planning a research lab at Wheaton College. Plans this program will focus on studying Religion/spirituality as both a perpetuating factor contributing to treatment resistance and a protective factor enhancing treatment effectiveness in depression treatment. Dr. Voytenko graduated from Wheaton College Psy.D. Program ('05), is a native of Ukraine and looks forward to nurturing international church-psychology relations.

### Psy.D. Curriculum Revised for 2016

Wheaton College approved a revision to the Psy.D. curriculum which has taken effect with the cohort of students beginning the program in Fall 2016. The program's Admissions and Academic Requirements Committee's review of the curriculum included years of outcome data, training trends and faculty and student input. Substantive changes include the addition of credit for Research Labs during the first 2 years in the program and a developmentally-stepped Spirituality course sequence to be taken over the course of the program. The overall program remains 120 total credits.

## Marriage and Family Therapy Program

### MFT FACULTY PROFILE: JAKE JOHNSON



Wheaton MFT faculty are passionate about the field of family therapy both locally and internationally. As a part of his involvement in and advocacy for the family therapy profession, Dr. Jake Johnson is actively involved in the International Family Therapy Association (IFTA) by serving both as a member of the Board of Directors and as Editor of the IFTA Research E-Forum, as well as by presenting at World Family Therapy Congresses.

As a member of the IFTA Board of Directors, Dr. Johnson collaborates with fellow board members to promote family therapy globally and to help family therapists in international settings promote and advocate for their professions in settings that may have little outside support. The board is also working to develop their own accrediting body as a way to provide accreditation to international family therapy programs and sites worldwide, including sites that may be used for practicum student training. Such international support is crucial for the ongoing development and vibrancy of the field of family therapy, particularly in locations that may not have the benefits of

professional organizations, accrediting bodies, and licensure dedicated specifically to family therapy.

In addition to his work on the board, Dr. Johnson serves as Editor of the IFTA Research E-Forum. This quarterly publication highlights current research in the field being conducted by international family therapy scholars, and is intended to focus on leaders in the international family therapy community as well as to build increased awareness of what is happening worldwide in the family therapy field.

As a part of his participation in the international family therapy community, Dr. Johnson also presents at the annual World Family Therapy Congress. At the 2015 congress in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, he presented on working with couples raising children on the autism spectrum. At the 2016 congress in Kona, Hawaii, he presented on scholarly writing for international clinicians as well as changing modalities of therapy to include family therapy. Dr. Johnson plans to continue his involvement in the international family therapy community, including by attending and presenting at the upcoming 2017 congress in Malaga, Spain.