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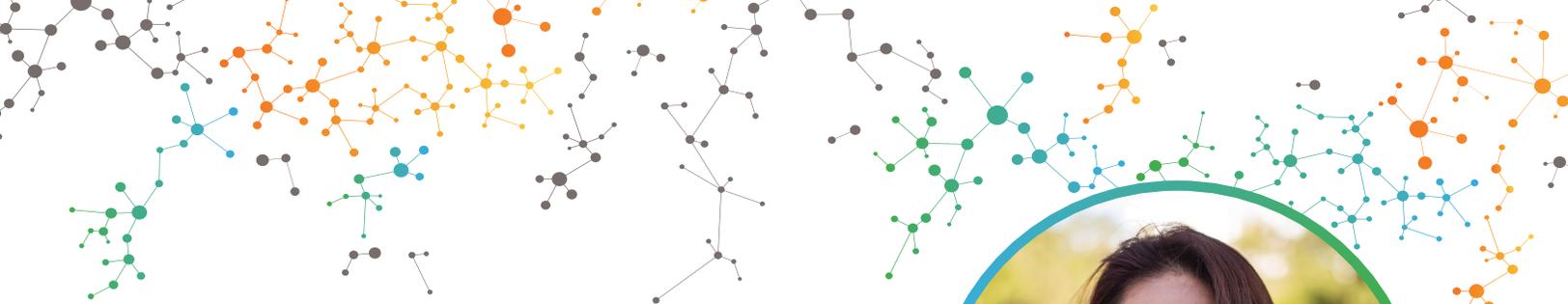
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## WELCOME TO ENGAGE

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL & PSYCHOLOGICAL STUDIES

Our e-newsletter is designed to highlight a few things happening here at the SEHD Department of Educational & Psychological Studies. We invite you to read the headlines and click to explore more! Don't forget to follow us on all of our social platforms. Links can be found below. Connect. Engage. Share. Enjoy!



**A Message from the Chair of  
the Department of  
Educational and  
Psychological Studies (EPS)**

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**Soyeon Ahn, Ph.D.**

Dear EPS Friends and Colleagues:

For many of us, these past months have seen unprecedented struggle and upheaval. Personally, there were times when I had difficulty finding my way and maintaining hope. When this happened, however, I was reminded that hope is always there. I just have to tune into it.

That is because you are the embodiment of that hope. I believe we are going through this troubling time for a reason: It tests and strengthens our resolve. Together, we must be instrumental in creating a more engaging, healthy, and just society. Collectively, our work must promote all individuals and the well-being of the communities in which we and they live.

I want to express my sincere gratitude to students, faculty, staff, friends, and family for staying the course in this challenging period. Because of all of you, I know that the Department of Educational and Psychological Studies will remain committed to generating knowledge and preparing reflective leaders, researchers, methodologists, and practitioners.

Thank you.



Soyeon Ahn, Ph.D.

Chair, Department of Educational and Psychological Studies;  
Professor, Research, Measurement, and Evaluation (RME) Program;  
Director, Statistical Supporting Unit (STATS-U);  
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**Jue Wang, Ph.D.**

## **Jue Wang, Ph.D. Elected chair of the Rasch Measurement Special Interest Group**

Jue Wang, Ph.D., assistant professor in the Research, Measurement, and Evaluation (RME) program, was elected chair of the Rasch Measurement Special Interest Group (SIG) under the American Education Researcher Association (AERA). Her two-year term began in 2020. As chair, Wang is responsible for the general administration of the SIG and acts as liaison between the SIG and AERA.



### **Black Mental Health Awareness During the Month of September**

During Black in Mental Health Awareness Week Sept. 20-27, our very own Counseling Master's Program students presented various topics related to Black mental health.

Their presentations covered the following:

- Black in mental health roll call: Who are we?
- Blacks in mental health fields
- Research findings on Blacks and mental health
- Anti-Black racism in mental health
- Black identity in mental health
- Stories about Blacks and mental health
- Black self-care

During the week, videos of student presentations were being posted online.

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### **The Institute for Individual and Family Counseling (IIFC)**

Offers counseling and assessment services to individuals from diverse backgrounds and with a variety of concerns. Services are provided in English and Spanish and include the following:

- Individual Counseling for Children and Adults
- Couples and Family Counseling
- Career Counseling
- Psychological Testing & Educational Assessments

Currently, IIFC is providing services via telehealth using the Zoom platform. IIFC has appointments Monday-Saturday at various times of the day, and we are taking new clients. For appointments, call (305) 284-6949 and leave a message. IIFC will return your call within 24-48 hours.

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## Ashmeet Oberoi: A Professor Who Believes in Leading with Compassion and Understanding

“Compassionate, kind, awesome.” All these are words often used to describe Oberoi. Ashmeet Oberoi, assistant professor of professional practice and director of the Community and Social Change master’s degree program, has received the University’s Excellence in Civic Engagement Award for outstanding work in engaging students through academic service-learning courses and community-based research.



Ashmeet Oberoi, Ph.D.

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## Upcoming Events

**OCT**  
**09**

### Yoga Session With Nicholas P. Cherup MS.

*Relaxation for Mind and Body*

4:00-5:00PM  
Zoom Meeting ID: 893 893 6322

**OCT**  
**14**

### Admission Information Session Via Zoom

*Masters in Counseling*  
*Masters in Community & Social Change*

7:00 - 8:00PM  
To register visit:  
<https://programinfo.eventcreate.com>

**OCT**  
**23**

### EPS Department Virtual Get-together

*Calling all High rollers!*

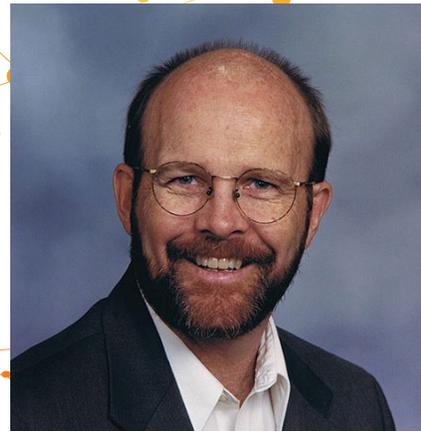
5:00-6:00PM  
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**Joseph A. Kitchen Involved in a Longitudinal Study on the Effectiveness of Comprehensive College Transition Program**

As part of a multidisciplinary team of scholars, Joseph A. Kitchen, Ph.D., assistant professor of Higher Education, has been involved since 2016 in a \$6.2 million mixed-methods, longitudinal study funded by a private foundation that examines the effectiveness of a Comprehensive College Transition Program (CCTP) serving thousands of low-income, first generation, and racially minoritized college students.



**Blaine J. Fowers's "The Emerging Science of Virtue" in the top-flight journal: *Perspectives on Psychological Science***

The publication of "The Emerging Science of Virtue" in the top-flight journal *Perspectives on Psychological Science* is, in many ways, the culmination of 20 years of Fowers' scholarship on virtue. In this article, he and his colleagues present a first of its kind empirically based model of the concept of virtue they termed the STRIVE-4 Model (virtues are Scalar Traits that are Role sensitive).

**Highlight EPS Events of 2020**



## Tackling Opioid Addiction: Implications for Prevention and Treatment

With relatively recent attention to Opioid misuse and addiction as a serious public health issue across all US states, we as leaders in the community must help raise public awareness of such health issue for prevention of Opioid overdoses and misuses and avoid potential path to addiction, assist individuals and communities to heal from such health issue, and further create public policy for individuals and communities' well-being.

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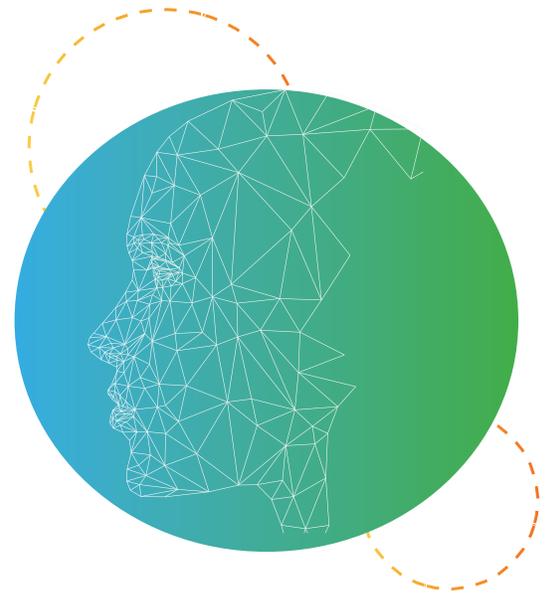
LEFT to right: EPS Chair Soyeon Ahn (Ph.D., University of Miami), SEHD Dean Laura Kohn-Wood (Ph.D. University of Miami), Dr. Hansel Tookes (M.D., M.P.H. University of Miami Miller School of Medicine), Mr. Tyler Bartholomew (Doctoral Student, Public Health, University of Miami), Dr. Viviana Horigian (M.D., Research Professor, Public Health, University of Miami)



Dr. Helen Neville with Faculty and Students in Counseling Doctoral Program

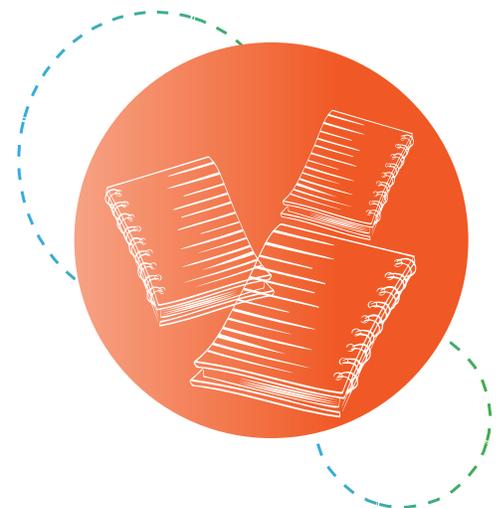
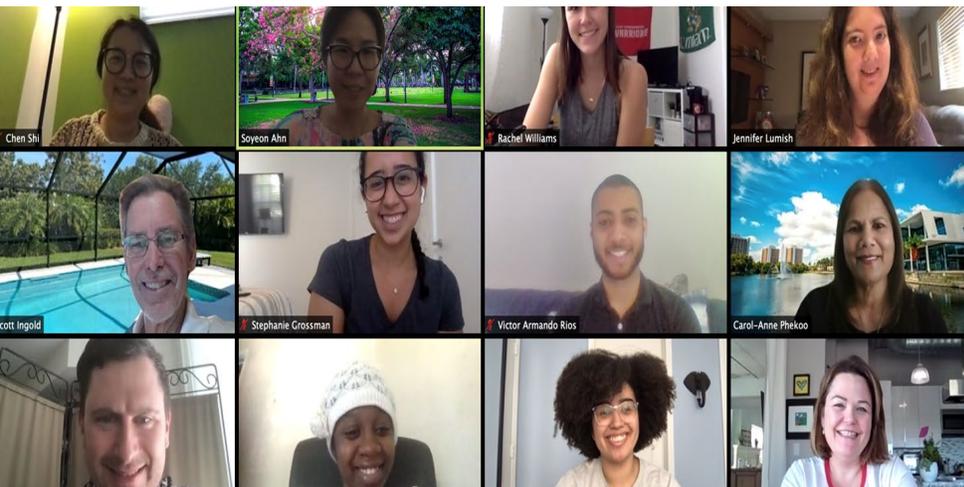
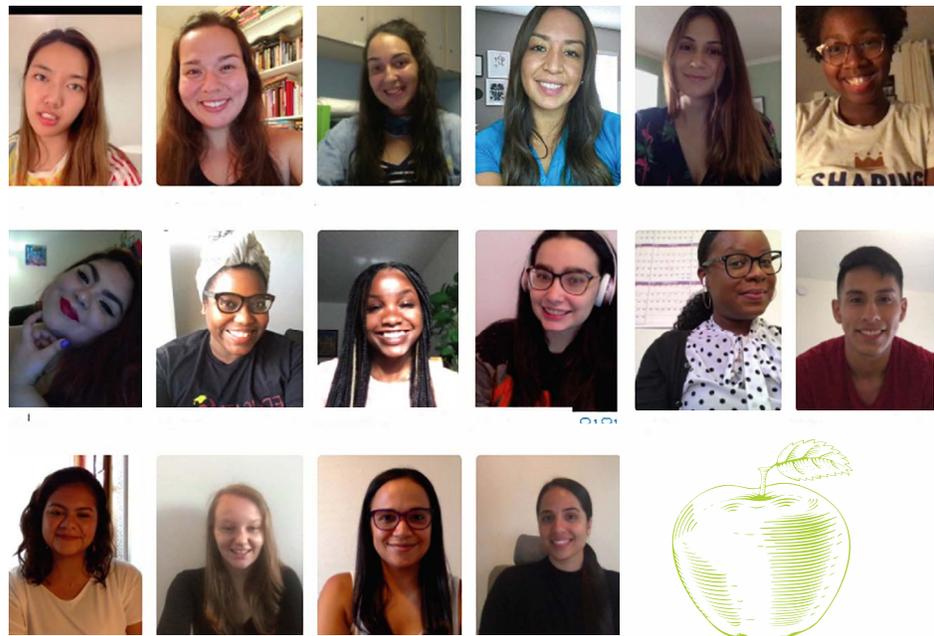
## Epoch 2020 with Dr. Helen A. Neville

The Department of Educational & Psychological Studies celebrated the Counseling Psychology doctoral program for achieving a 10-year re-accreditation, thanks to its superb faculty, students, alumni, staff, and community partners. Keynote speaker Helen A. Neville, Ph.D., professor of Educational Psychology and African American Studies at the University of Illinois Urbana Champaign, presented: *Promoting Radical Healing and Hope: Setting a Training Agenda in Counseling Psychology.*



# Welcome New & Current Students in EPS

The Department of Educational and Psychological Studies (EPS) wishes all the best for all new and current students' personal and academic growth.



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