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Assistant Professor of Counseling

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Qualifications

- Seven years of education experience; five years of school counseling experience; four years of experience as an adjunct instructor
- Approved Clinical Supervisor (#3844)
- Licensed Professional Counselor (#3827)
- National Certified Counselor (#717568)
- National Certified School Counselor (#717568)
- Alabama State Department of Education Professional Educator Certification
 - Class B Certification in Choral Music Education (P-12)
 - Class A Certification in School Counseling (P-12)
 - Class AA Certification in School Counseling (P-12)

Education

Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership

Samford University | Birmingham, AL (12/20)

- Dissertation: *Implementation and Support for Comprehensive School Counseling Programs: An Examination of Alabama Program of Distinction Recipients*

Educational Specialist in Counselor Education (School Counseling concentration)

Jacksonville State University | Jacksonville, AL (12/17)

- Action Research Project: *New Student Orientation Groups and Effective Student Transition*

Master of Education in Counseling (School Counseling concentration)

University of Montevallo | Montevallo, AL (5/16)

Bachelor of Music in Music Education (Choral Music concentration)

University of Montevallo | Montevallo, AL (5/13)

Additional Training

Alabama Board of Examiners in Counseling Supervision Series Training (2/21)

ASCA National Model Training (1/19)

Red Cross Disaster Mental Health Training (2/18)

Experience

University of Montevallo, Graduate Counseling Program – Assistant Professor

Montevallo, AL (08/21 – Present)

- Courses taught: Assessment in Counseling, Collaborative and Systemic Interventions for Children, Counseling Practicum, Pre-Practicum in Interpersonal Skills, and School Counseling

University of Montevallo, Graduate Counseling Program – Adjunct Instructor

Montevallo, AL (8/17 – 7/21)

- Taught Collaborative and Systemic Interventions for Children, Counseling Practicum, and School Counseling in the College of Education and Human Development
- Delivered instruction through traditional, hybrid, and online formats using instructional technology including Canvas, Zoom, and Microsoft Teams
- Provided individual and group university supervision to practicum students in the Graduate Counseling Program

Alabaster City Schools, Creek View Elementary School – Professional School Counselor

Alabaster, AL (7/16 – 6/21)

- Designed and implemented Peer Helpers Program benefitting all students
- Coordinated and presented “Coffee with the Counselors” parent presentations
- Conducted individual and small group counseling including groups for testing-taking skills, grief support, anger management, friendship skills, self-concept, divorce support, anxiety support, and school success
- Coordinated and assisted with school-wide Career Days for all grade levels
- Provided community resource support to students and families through various local agencies and ministries
- Chaired Counseling Advisory Committee and participated in the Leadership Team and Safety Committee
- Served as Building Test Coordinator for assessments including AAA, ACAP Alternative, ACAP, ACCESS, Alternative ACCESS, ACT Aspire, and Scantron Performance Series

Shelby County Schools – School Counseling Practicum/Internship

Helena, AL (8/15 – 5/16)

- Provided individual, small group, and classroom counseling at Helena Elementary School, Helena Middle School, and Helena High School
- Support professional school counselors in implementation of comprehensive school counseling program

Jefferson County Schools, McAdory High School – Choir Teacher

McCalla, AL (8/13-5/15)

- Performed in competitions, festivals, and on local television
- Traveled across Southeast
- Successfully completed fundraisers boosting choral budget
- Successfully prepared students to participate in All County and All State Festivals
- Received multiple grants including Jefferson County Foundation and Grammy Foundation Community Award
- Additionally, taught Music Appreciation and Career Preparedness

Membership in Professional Organizations:

- Alabama Association for Counselor Education and Supervision
- Alabama Association for Prevention, Attendance, and Support Services
- Alabama Counseling Association
- Alabama School Counselor Association
- American Counseling Association

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- Association for Counselor Education and Supervision
- Council for Leaders in Alabama Schools

Publications

- Birdsong, D. J., & Yakimowski, M. E.** (in press). Principal and counselor support for comprehensive counseling program implementation. *Alabama Journal of Educational Leadership*, 8(1).
- Birdsong, D. J.** (2021). From RAVE to RAMP: A school counselor's journey of ASCA model implementation. *Alabama School Counselor*, 5(5).
- Birdsong, D. J.** (2021). *Implementation of and support for comprehensive school counseling programs: An examination of Alabama program of distinction recipients.* (Publication No. 28152117) [Doctoral dissertation, Samford University]. ProQuest Dissertations and Theses Global.
- Birdsong, D. J.** (2021). Implementation of and support for comprehensive school counseling programs: An examination of Alabama program of distinction recipients. *Eye on Research: Using Evidence for Curriculum & Instructional Decisions*, 1(4). https://clasleaders.org/docs/default-source/friday-updates/eye-on-research/eye-on-research-4.pdf?sfvrsn=953f0224_2

Presentations

- Birdsong, D. J.** (2021). Principal and counselor support for comprehensive counseling program implementation in Alabama. Presented at the Alabama Association of Professors of Educational Leadership Spring Conference. Virtual.
- Birdsong, D. J.** (2020). Implementation of and support for comprehensive school counseling programs. Presented at the Alabama Counseling Association Conference. Virtual.
- Birdsong, D. J., Hinton, V. D., Mack, M., & Motley, M.** (2019). Professional advocacy through service: Leadership opportunities in ALCA. Presented at the Alabama Counseling Association Conference. Montgomery, AL.
- Baldwin, A. G., **Birdsong, D. J.,** Elkins, H., & Smith, K. (2019). Beyond certification lines: Community mental health and school counselor collaboration. Presented at the Alabama School Counselor Association Critical Issues for Alabama Schools Conference. Birmingham, AL.
- Birdsong, D. J.** (2017). How do you drive? Utilizing google drive and other productivity apps to boost your effectiveness and efficiency as a school counselor. Presented at the Alabama Counseling Association Annual Conference. Mobile, AL.

Workshops

- Birdsong, D. J., Heard, W. T., & Yakimowski, M. E.** (2021). Tips for success in doctoral studies. Presented at Samford University's Educational and Organizational Leadership Doctoral Program Orientation. Birmingham, AL.
- Birdsong, D. J.** (2021). Ethical and legal issues for the school setting. Presented to the Organization and Administration of Counseling Services class at Jacksonville State University. Jacksonville, AL.
- Birdsong, D. J., Edwards, M., Jemison, A. M., & Stapler, B.** (2021). Advice based upon self-reflection: Graduates reveal how to make the dissertation journey successful. Presented at Samford University's Educational Leadership Doctoral Candidate Institute. Birmingham, AL.
- Birdsong, D. J., Jemison, A. M., Morgan, S., Reid, T., & Yakimowski, M. E.** (2021). Preparing for the proposal and final defenses: Demystifying five myths and taking the mystery out of the process. Presented at Samford University's Educational Leadership Doctoral Candidate Institute. Birmingham, AL.

- Birdsong, D. J.** (2021). Comprehensive school counseling program implementation: Connecting data to programming. Presented at Mobile County Public Schools Winter Counseling Professional Learning Workshop. Virtual.
- Birdsong, D. J.**, Edwards, M., & Yakimowski, M. E. (2020). Effective quantitative communication: Tips to consider in narrative and tabular presenting descriptive and inferential results. Presented at Samford University's Educational Leadership Doctoral Candidate Institute. Birmingham, AL.
- Birdsong, D. J.**, Hall, K., Morgan, S., Wade, K., & Yakimowski, M. E. (2020). Preparing for the defense: Hear the scoop from a chair and doctoral candidates. Presented at Samford University's Educational Leadership Doctoral Candidate Institute. Birmingham, AL.
- Birdsong, D. J.** (2020). Ethical and legal issues for the school setting. Presented to the Professional, Ethical, & Legal Issues in Counseling class at the University of Montevallo. Montevallo, AL.
- Birdsong, D. J.** (2020). Ethical and legal issues for the school setting. Presented to the Organization and Administration of Counseling Services class at Jacksonville State University. Jacksonville, AL.
- Birdsong, D. J.**, Wilbanks, M. A., & Yakimowski, M. E. (2020). From expectations to actualizing: The doctoral candidate and chair perspectives. Presented at Samford University's Educational Leadership Doctoral Candidate Institute. Birmingham, AL.
- Birdsong, D. J.** (2019). Ethical & legal issues for school counseling site supervisors. Presented at Jacksonville State University's Annual Counseling Program Site Supervisors Training. Jacksonville, AL.
- Birdsong, D. J.** (2019). Classroom management and behavior consultation. Presented to the Chi Sigma Iota Counseling Honors Society at the University of Montevallo. Montevallo, AL.
- Birdsong, D. J.** (2019). What's the difference? Understanding IDEA and Section 504. Presented to the Chi Sigma Iota Counseling Honors Society at the University of Montevallo. Montevallo, AL.
- Birdsong, D. J.** (2018). How do you drive? Utilizing google drive and other productivity apps to boost your effectiveness and efficiency as a school counselor. Presented at the Shelby County Schools Counselors' Professional Development Workshop. Alabaster, AL.
- Birdsong, D. J.** (2018). Teacher self-care: What it is and why you should do it. Presented at EdCamp at Creek View Elementary School. Alabaster, AL.
- Birdsong, D. J.** (2017). Google drive organization. Presented to teachers at Creek View Elementary School. Alabaster, AL.
- Birdsong, D. J.** (2017). Integrating google drive in school counseling management. Presented at the Alabaster City Schools Back to School Counselors' Meeting. Alabaster, AL.
- Birdsong, D. J.** (2017). Management and organization in school counseling. Presented to the Collaborative and Systemic Interventions class at the University of Montevallo. Montevallo, AL.
- Birdsong, D. J.** (2017). Use of assessments in school counseling. Presented to Assessments in Counseling class at the University of Montevallo. Montevallo, AL.

Honors & Awards

- National Certified School Counselor Award (2021)
- Recognized American School Counselor Association Model Program Award (2021)
- Center for Credentialing & Education Approved Clinical Supervisor Training Award (2021)
- Alabama School Counseling Program of Distinction (2020)
- Alabama State Department of Education National Board Certified Teacher Component Grant (2020)
- Alabama Senate Resolution Commending Daniel Birdsong and Rebekah Hughey on Qualifying Creek View Elementary School for the Recognition of Accountability, Verification, and Excellence Award – Senator Ward (2019)
- Recognition of Accountability, Verification, and Excellence Award- Gold (2019)
- Alabama Counseling Association Emerging Leader Award (2018)

- Alabaster City Schools School Counselor of the Year (2018)
- Recognition of Accountability, Verification, and Excellence Award- Silver (2018)
- University of Montevallo Graduate Counseling Program Outstanding Alumni Award (2018)
- Asa Sparks Alabama New School Counselor of the Year (2017)
- Recognition of Accountability, Verification, and Excellence Award- Bronze (2017)

Service

State

Alabama Counseling Association – Emerging Leader (5/19 – 4/20)

Alabama School Counselor Association

- President-Elect (5/21 – present)
- President-Elect Elect (5/20 – 4/21)
- Vice President for Elementary School Counseling (5/20 – present)
- Budget and Finance Committee (5/20 – present)
- Awards Luncheon Committee Chair (5/16 – 4/20)
- Bylaws Committee Co-chair (5/17 – present)
- Elections Committee (5/17 – 4/18, 5/19 – present)
- Professional Recognition Chair (5/18 – 4/20)
- Professional Development Committee (5/15 – present)

K-12 – Creek View Elementary School

- 504 Team (7/16 – 5/21)
- AdvancED (Cognia) Reaccreditation Team (7/20 – 11/20)
- Comprehensive, Integrated Three-Tiered Model of Prevention Implementation Team (7/19 – 5/21)
- Counseling Program Advisory Council (7/16 – 5/21)
- Leadership Team (7/16 – 5/21)
- Referral Eligibility Meeting Team (7/16 – 5/21)
- Safety Committee (7/16 – 5/21)
- School Improvement Team (7/19 – 5/21)
- Warrior Support Team (7/16 – 5/21)

Higher Education – University of Montevallo

- Graduate Counseling Program Advisory Council member (8/17 – present)

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