

President's Update: Listserv Continuation, CE Events, and Welcoming Our New JEDI Board Member.

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Hello AASECT Community,

I hope this message finds you well!!'m excited to share some wonderful news from our recent Board meeting, where we discussed a few key topics that I believe you'll be pleased to hear about.

Listserv Continuation After much thoughtful discussion and consideration of the feedback we've received, the Board has decided to continue the listserv until our tech team, board, moderation committee have had a chance to implement a new forum. We recognize how vital and accessible this tool is for fostering connections, sharing resources, and facilitating learning opportunities within our passionate community. While our technology assessment team works on finding an ideal platform that better suits our growing needs and can be integrated into our technology update, we're committed to keeping the listserv active to ensure we all stay connected.

I would also like to extend immense gratitude directly to our moderation committee who is and has been happily steadfast and unwaveringly dedicated in their volunteer commitment. I hope this decision reflects the Board's commitment to listening to member needs and supporting our community's connectivity.

Free AASECT CE Training I'm also thrilled to announce that the Professional Education Steering Committee, in collaboration with the Outreach and DEI Committees, are rolling out a series of free trainings for our members! We are working hard to provide more member benefits and have curated a schedule of quarterly continuing education opportunities that address crucial topics, including:

- Self-Care and Restoration for the Helping Professional
- Understanding Jewish Identity and Antisemitism
- Reproductive Justice and Gender- Based Violence in the Muslim Community
- Decolonizing Your Professional Practice

The first training, focused on self-care and restoration, will take place on September 27th, 2024. We've prioritized this session to take place before the holidays and to make it accessible to all members without disruption to the various celebrations. We hope it provides you with valuable tools to take care of yourself as helping professionals while we continue to deal with world events, elections, and enter a busy and heavy time of year. Each of these trainings is completely FREE for all AASECT members, so keep an eye out for registration information and more scheduling details soon!

Welcoming Our New JEDI Board Member I'm delighted to introduce Molly Adler, LCSW, CST, as the newest member of our Board, filling the newly member supported Justice, Equity,

Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) Board Position. Molly has been a dedicated member of the DEI and Awards Committees, and I'm incredibly grateful for her service. Please take a moment to read Molly's introduction letter <u>here</u>. We're thrilled to have her on board, and I know she'll bring great energy and insight to this important role.

Honoring Dr. Konnie McCaffree

Information on the honoring of Dr. Konnie McCaffree has been shared **here**. For any questions, please reach out to Dr. Brent Satterly at <u>Basatterly@widener.edu</u>.

Our next Board meeting will take place in mid-September, and I look forward to sharing more updates with you afterwards.

Thank you for being such an engaged and caring community. Please take good care of yourselves, and I'm looking forward to continuing this journey together.

In community,



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P.S. Due to a family loss, I will be unable to attend to responses immediately. Please address all responses to <u>info@aasect.org</u> for follow up. I appreciate your thoughtfulness during this time of grief.





