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Current Position

Mississippi State University Clinical Psychology Program
Director of Clinical Training
Associate Clinical Professor

Education

Doctorate of Philosophy

August 2009 - May 2015
Counseling Psychology, APA-Accredited
Auburn University; Auburn, Alabama
Dissertation: *Prejudice by Any Other Name: Conditional Support of Gay Males by Heterosexuals.*
Chair: Randolph Pipes, Ph.D.

Psychology Internship

August 2012 – July 2013
Texas Tech University Student Counseling Center, APA-Accredited
Director of Training: Sharla Boyd, Ph.D.

Master of Education

August 2007- May 2009
Community Agency Counseling, CACREP Accredited
Auburn University; Auburn, Alabama

Bachelor of Arts

August 2003 - May 2005
Major: Psychology, Minor: Sociology
University of Southern Mississippi; Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Associate of Arts

August 2001- May 2003
Jones County Junior College; Ellisville, Mississippi

License

State of Mississippi

Licensed Psychologist, #55-992
Civil Commitment Certification

Academic or Clinical Positions

Mississippi State University Clinical Psychology Program

Director of Clinical Training, August 2024-Present

Associate Clinical Professor, August 2026-Present

Assistant Clinical Professor, August 2021-July 2026

Associate Director of Clinical Training, August 2023-July 2024

Adjunct Instructor, Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Summer 2020, Spring 2021, Summer 2021

Mississippi State University Student Counseling Services

Program Director-Psychology Internship, APA-Accredited Internship, August 2019-August 2022

Clinical Service Coordinator, September 2018-August 2021

Staff Psychologist, January 2016-September 2018

Texas Tech University Student Counseling Center

Counseling Psychologist, August 2013 – January 2016

Opelika Addiction Center

Relief Counselor, May 2010-August 2010

Teaching Experience

Graduate

PSY 8450 Advanced Clinical Practicum, Mississippi State University

PSY 8460 Applied External Practicum, Mississippi State University

PSY 8823 Human Differences in Applied Psychology, Mississippi State University

PSY 8931 Preparation for Clinical Internship, Mississippi State University

COUN 8120 Appraisal in Counseling Psychology (co-instructor), Auburn University

Undergraduate

PSY 4323 Psychology of Gender Differences, Mississippi State University

PSY 3203 History of Psychology, Mississippi State University

Other Employment Positions

Titanium Consultant

August 2016 - December 2016

Mississippi State University Clinical Psychology Program, Mississippi State, MS

Assessment Supervisor

February 2016 - June 2016

Mississippi State University Clinical Psychology Graduate Program, Mississippi State, MS

Distance Education Practicum Supervisor

May 2012-July 2012

Auburn University Distance Education: M.Ed. Rehabilitation Counseling; Auburn, AL

Tiger Education Screening and Intervention Facilitator

September 2011-May 2012

Auburn University Department of Health Promotion and Wellness; Auburn, AL

Hall Director

August 2008-May 2012

Auburn University Residence Life; Auburn, AL

Awards

Distinguished Teaching of Psychology Award

Mississippi Psychological Association, 2023

Phil and Kari Oldham Mentor Award

Mississippi State University College of Arts and Sciences, 2023-2024

Grants

Active

Project BRIDGE: Brief Intervention and Referral to Get Youth Engaged

Source: Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment, SAMHSA

Total Costs: \$4,925,980

Role: Provider Training and Fidelity Lead (PI: Nadorff, M.)

Safe Response MS: First Responder Overdose Reversal Training and Post-Overdose System of Care

Source: First Responders-Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (FR-CARA), SAMHSA

Total costs: \$3,174,422

Role: Co-Project Director (PD: Nadorff, D.)

The Mississippi Rebound Initiative

Source: Mississippi Opioid Settlement Fund through appropriation to IHL

Total Costs: \$700,000

Role: Co-PI (PI: Nadorff, M.)

Drug Free Starkville Collaboration 2.0

Source: Drug-Free Communities Support Program Grants, CDC

Total Costs: \$125,000

Role: Co-PI (PI: Bensaid, B.)

MSU Suicide Prevention Campaign

Source: Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration

Total Costs: \$166,398

Role: Co-Investigator (PI: Nadoff, M.)

Project AWARE: Improving Mental Health in Mississippi Through Alliance and Mental Health Awareness Training

Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration

Subaward from the University of Mississippi Medical Center

Project Title: Improving Mental Health in Mississippi Through Alliance and Mental Health Awareness Training

Total Costs: \$999,999

Role: Co-Investigator (PI: Nadorff, M.)

Complete

Psychology Undergraduate Mentorship Program-Pilot

Source: Mississippi State University Division of Access, Diversity, and Inclusion, Inclusion Through Innovation Grant

Total Costs: \$1,500

Role: Principal Investigator

Reducing Racism in Psychology Training, Building the Evidence

Source: Mississippi State University College of Arts and Science SRI Race & Racism Grant

Total Costs: \$8,025

Role: Principal Investigator (Co-PI: Nadorff, M.)

Perceptions of LGBTQ+ workplace environment and related factors in Mississippi: A comparison among LGBTQ and non-LBGTQ individuals

Source: LGBTQ Fund of Mississippi – Small Grants Program

Total Costs: \$9,225

Role: Co-Investigator (PI: Pate, A.)

ADHD Assessment via Telehealth

Source: Association of Psychology Postdoctoral and Internship Centers (APPIC)

Tele-Supervision and Tele-Training Grant

Total Costs: \$5,000

Role: Principal Investigator

Unfunded

Adult Suicide Prevention Initiative for Rural Engagement (ASPIRE)

Source: Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration

Proposed Costs: \$1,600,000

Role: Principal Investigator

Applied 2026

Publications

- Mackenstadt, D., Buys, D., Dozier, M, **Stafford, T.**, & Adams-Price, C. (2026). The impact of reported masculine behaviors on the relationship between negative attitudes of aging and depression. *The International Journal of Aging and Human Development*. Advance online publication. Doi: <https://doi.org/10.1177/00914150261456744>
- Pate, A.R., DeShong, H.L., **Stafford, T.W.D.**, & Nadorff, M.R. (2023). Impact of social support on suicidal ideation and attempts among gender minority adults. *International Journal of Aging and Development*, 96(1), 117–130, doi:10.1177/00914150221128972.

Conference Presentations

- Nadorff, M.R. & **Stafford, T.W.D.** (2026, September). *The “Phantom” Epidemic: Evidence-Based Opioid Intervention and Overdose Prevention in Mississippi*. Session at the 77th Annual Convention of the Mississippi Psychological Association, Biloxi, MS.
- Stafford, T.W.D.**, Angelo, M.A., Ford, H., Lawley, J., & Rakshan, A. (2025, September). *Demystifying the Psychology Internship: Insight from Internship Training Directors*. Panel Discussion (Chair) presented at the 76th Annual Convention of the Mississippi Psychological Association, Biloxi, MS.
- Armstrong, K.J., Engelstad, K., McRaney, K., Moore, S., Moreland, C.D., Nadorff, M.R., Smith, S.D., **Stafford, T.W.D.** (2025, September). *Men (or Lack Thereof) in Psychology: Examining Causes, Impacts, and Ways Forward*. Panel Discussion (panelist) to be presented at the 76th Annual Convention of the Mississippi Psychological Association, Biloxi, MS.
- Miller, H.O. & **Stafford, T.** (2024, September). *Is Integration between Sikolohiyang Pilipino and western psychology possible?: A framework for addressing mental health care distrust in Filipino Americans*. Student Poster presented at 75th Annual convention of the Mississippi Psychological Association, Biloxi, MS.
- Stafford, T.W.D.** (2023, September). *Some Conversation and More Action: Working with Transgender and Non-Binary Clients in Mississippi*. Presentation to 74th Annual convention of the Mississippi Psychological Association, Tupelo, MS
- Kelley, K., Barclay, N., **Stafford, T.**, Nadorff, M., Stafford, E., & Lopez., A. (2022, November). *The impact of COVID-19 on rural clinical training: Adapting telehealth services and supervisee experiences across multiple training settings*. Panel discussion at the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies 56th Annual Convention, New York, NY.
- Stafford, T.W.D.**, Pate, A.R., Dhruve, D., Stafford, E.S.H., Franklin, R.C., & Nadorff, M.R. (2022, September). *Challenges and Triumphs: Lessons from Affirming Therapy with College-Age LGBTQ+ Mississippians*. Panel discussion at the 73rd annual convention of the Mississippi Psychological Association, Hattiesburg, MS.

- Stafford, T.,** Barclay, N., & Kelley, K. (2022, May). *Training for ADHD Assessment via tele-health: Lessons learned*. Poster presented at the 2022 Association of Psychology Postdoctoral and Internship Centers Membership Conference, San Diego, CA.
- Stafford, T. W. D.** (2015, July). Counseling and psychology in student affairs. In A. Gooch (Chair): "Careers in Student Affairs." Panel Discussion. Housing and Residence Life Drive-In Conference, Texas Tech, Lubbock, TX.
- Stafford, T. W. D.,** Stevens, G. J., Malchow, A. N., Borges, T.A., Pipes, R. B., & Graham, S. R. (2011, August). Trends in Sexual and Gender Identity Minority Terminology: Evidence from APA Convention Programming. Poster session presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Washington, D.C.
- Stafford, T. W. D.,** & Graham, S.R. (2011, August). Creating a Safe Place for LGBT Students on a College Campus: Challenges and Rewards. In Louise, D., (Chairperson), LGBT Identities and Communities: The Pain of Marginalization and The Joy of Celebration. Roundtable Discussion presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Washington, D.C.
- Borges, T. A., Pipes, R. B., Malchow, A. N., Stevens, G. J., & **Stafford, T.W.D.** (2010, August). Increased Focus on Religion and Spirituality: Data from APA Presentations. Poster session presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, San Diego, CA.
- Stafford, T. W. D.** (2009, October). Transgender College Students: Who are they? What can I do? Paper presented at Residence Assistant Drive-In Conference of Alabama, Auburn, AL.
- Stafford, T. W. D.,** & Stafford, E. S. H. (2009, October). Creating Safe Spaces for LGBTQIQ Students on Campus. Paper presented at Residence Assistant Drive-In Conference of Alabama, Auburn, AL.
- Carney, J., **Stafford, T.,** & Chery, N. (2008, November). Challenges for Transgender College Students. Paper presented at Alabama Counseling Association Annual Conference, Huntsville, AL.
- Armstrong, S., Chery, N., Obert, L. & **Stafford T.** (2008, October). Promoting Cultural Awareness in Diagnosis: Recommendations for Counselor Education. Poster session presented at the Southern Association for Counselor Educators and Supervisors Annual Conference, Houston, TX.
- Armstrong, S., Chery, N., Obert, L., & **Stafford, T.** (2008, May). Considering Cultural Differences in Treatment and Diagnosis. Poster session presented at the Licensed Professional Counselors Association of Georgia Annual Convention, Stone Mountain, GA.
- Obert, L., Armstrong, S., Chery, N., & **Stafford, T.** (2008, March). Gender-Identity and Culture: Transgenderism in Western and Non-Western Societies. Paper presented at the Upsilon Sigma Chi Chapter of Chi Sigma Iota 2nd Annual Graduate Student Conference, Columbus, SC.

Invited Speaker/Panelist

- Rieger, A., Roby, Y., Stafford, T. & Hightower, J. (Chair). (2026, September). *From overwhelm to action: Mental health panel on surviving and navigating the current political climate* [Panel discussion]. Starkville Oktibbeha Unity League, Starkville-Oktibbeha County Public Library, Starkville, MS.
- Angelo, M.A., Ford, H., Lawley, J., Rakhshan, A. & Stafford, T. (Chair). (2026, September). Unlocking the Psychology Internship. [Panel Discussion]. Mississippi Psychological Association. Virtual Panel.
- Bates-Brantley, K., LaBrot, Z.C., Moore, S, Smith, S., Smitherman, T., Stafford T., Yowell, E., & Nadorff, M.R. (2026, September). Pathways to the doctorate: Navigating applying to APA-accredited PhD programs. [Panel Discussion]. Mississippi Psychological Association. Virtual Panel.
- Stafford, T.W.D. (December 2025, October 2024, & October 2023). Working with LGBTQ+ Clients. Seminar provided to Arkansas State University Student Counseling Services 2023-2024, 2024-2025, & 2025-20256 Internship Cohorts.
- Haada, D., Witte, T., Mandel, A., Dodd, J., Roy, A., Tone, E.B., Leven, D., Stafford, T., Suhr, J., Haugh, J., Selby, E., Bridges, A., Bedwel, J., Feliciano, L. & Rodrigues, C. (May 2025) Demystifying Clinical Psychology. Virtual Panel.
- Bruss, G., Harris, R., Luebbe, A., Stafford, T., & Zinger, J. (November 2024). Fall 2024 UCI Psych Science Post-Bacc Career Panel.
- Stafford, T.W.D. (October 2024). Working with Transgender Mississippians. Seminar provided to University of Southern Mississippi Clinical & Counseling Psychology Graduate Students.
- Stafford, T.W.D. (October 2024). Physical Changes in Adolescence. Lecture provided to Mississippi State University Developmental Psychology class.
- Okine Davies, M., Dilmore, T., James, A.M., Juarez, M., Maurin, E., Shirley, E., Stafford, T., & Thurm, A. (July 2024). Psychology: Graduate Programs and Career Paths. Panel provided at National Institute of Health Graduate and Professional School Fair, Washington, D.C.
- Ballard, E., Boutte, A., Miller-Slough, R., Stafford, T., & Tone, E.B.(December 2023). Meeting the DCTs. Panel provided to National Institute of Health Psychology Post-Bachelors, Virtual.
- Breazeale, M., Stafford, T.W.D., & Aultman, S. (October 2023). Staff/Faculty Panelist. Life As: Fostering Academic Achievement through Our Identity: LGBTQ+, Mississippi State University TRiO Student Support Services.
- Perkins, S., Boyd, M., Stafford, T., & Baker, A. (March 2023). Panelist. No More Campaign Against Sexual Assault and Interpersonal Violence, Mississippi State University Office of Survivor Support.

- Stafford, T.W.D. & Kidd, K. (June 2022). Collaborations with Athletics. 8th Annual SEC Clinical/Counseling Sport Psychology Committee Meeting, Mississippi State University Counseling and Sport Psychology.
- Stafford, T.W.D., Pate, A., & Ellzey, C. (April 2022). Alliance Prevention Training. University of Southern Mississippi Faculty Senate.
- Nadorff, M., Stafford, E., Franklin, R., & Stafford, T. (March 2022). Alliance Prevention Training and Postvention. University of Southern Mississippi Student Counseling Services & Department of Psychology.
- Ezell, S., Stafford, T.W.D., Gardner, A., & Peebles, K. (February 2022). Minority Health Panel, Mississippi State University. Health Promotion and Wellness.
- Dawson, J., Poe, S., & Stafford, T. (October 2021). Building Better Allies: What to do when your loved one ditches the closet. Panel for National Coming Out Day, Mississippi State University Gender Studies Program.
- Stafford, T.W.D. (September 2020). Internships. Brown Bag to Mississippi State University Clinical Psychology Program.
- Stafford, T.W.D. (July 2017, July 2018, March, 2019, July 2019). Sexual Assault: Stats, Myths, and Responses. Lecture to Gender Differences class, Mississippi State University.
- Stafford, T.W.D. (June, 2017, June 2018). Transgender 101. Lecture to Gender Differences class, Mississippi State University.
- Stafford, T. W. D. & Austin, C. (March, 2017). Understanding Heterosexism. Lecture. Mississippi State University Veterinary Students, Mississippi State University College of Veterinary Medicine.
- Stafford, T.W.D. (October, 2016). Myths about Sexual Assault. Lecture to Introduction to Psychology class, Mississippi University for Women.
- Stafford, T.W.D. (September, 2016). Working with Survivors of Sexual Assault, Lecture presented to second year counseling graduate students, Mississippi State University.
- Stafford, T.W.D. (February, 2016). Stress and Stress Relief in Recovery. Presented to Campus Recovery Community, Mississippi State University.
- Stafford, T.W.D. (November, 2015). Raiders Against Violence. Presented to faculty and staff at Texas Tech University as part of the Title IX Lecture Series.
- Stafford, T.W.D. (October, 2015). Sexual Assault: How to respond. Lecture presented (via Skype) to students in Human Sexuality Class, University of Houston.
- Stafford, T.W.D. (November, 2015). Common Trauma Responses of Survivors. Presented to faculty and staff at Texas Tech University as part of the Title IX Lecture Series.

Stafford, T.W.D. (September, 2015). Sexual Assault Survivors and Perpetrators. Training presented to Texas Tech University Office of Student Conduct.

Stafford, T.W.D. (May, 2015). Panel discussion “Life after residence life.” Presented to professional staff in Texas Tech University Housing and Residence Life.

Stafford, T.W.D. (April, 2015). Panel discussion related to movie *The Hunting Ground*. Presented to students and faculty in Texas Tech University School of Law.

Stafford, T.W.D. (April, 2015). Texas Tech and Sexual Assault open forum. Panel discussion presented to faculty and staff at Texas Tech University.

Stafford, T.W.D. (February, 2015). What to do if a Student Reports a Sexual Assault. Lecture presented to faculty and staff at Texas Tech University.

Stafford, T.W.D. (October, 2014). Sexual Assault: Statistics, Results and Response. Lecture presented (via Skype) to students in Human Sexuality Class, University of Houston.

Stafford, T.W.D. (October, 2014). History of Safe Zone and Allies Training. Lecture presented at Rainbow Coalition meeting, Texas Tech University.

Stafford, T.W.D. (April, 2013). Panelist in panel discussion related to play *The Women of Troy*. Presented to students, faculty, and staff at Texas Tech University

Stafford, T.W.D. (August, 2011). LGBT residents: Knowledge and skills for responding. Lecture presented to Auburn University Housing and Residence Life hall director training, Auburn University.

Stafford, T.W.D. (September, 2009). Counseling psychology graduate school. In C. Thomas (Chair): Careers in Counseling. Panel Discussion for first year mental health counseling students, Auburn University.

Stafford, T.W.D. (July, 2009). Successful programming. Lecture presented to Auburn University Housing and Residence Life hall director training, Auburn University.

Graduate Committee Service

Dissertations

Jessica Utley (Defended 8/15/23)
 Deepali Dhruve (Defended 6/20/23)
 Darby Mackenstadt (Defended 04/19/24)
 Asley Pate (Defended 05/13/24)
 Nathan Barclay (Defended 05/21/24)
 Michael Gallagher (Defended 05/30/24)
 AlliGrace Story (Defended 05/22/25)
 Caitlyn Nix (Defended 05/28/25)
 Chandler McDaniel (Defended 08/25/25)
 Andi Durham (Defended 09/30/25)
 Maia McLin (Defended 05/11/26)

Madison Bibbs (Proposed 09/22/25)
Elizabeth Olsen (Proposed 09/18/26)

Master's Thesis

Ashley Pate (Defended 03/22/19)
Andi Durham (Defended 06/06/24)
Jose Menjivar (Defended 07/09/25)
Kristina Schoenthaler (Proposed 11/10/25)

Media Appearances

Visions Podcast. Episode 52- *Dr. Ty Stafford and LGBTQ community, Safe Zones* (June 13th, 2023).
<https://open.spotify.com/episode/4sfTjINpdKNUG64wnfAvhO?si=5-6-1vjoSW6UvSAzTP5Ktg>

Professional Service

National

Invited Member, Council of University Directors of Clinical Psychology Taskforce on Constriction of Diversity in Psychology Training Pipeline
January 2023-Present

Site Visitor, American Psychological Association Accreditation
Internship and Training Program Site Visitor

Ad Hoc Reviewer
Aging and Mental Health, Suicide and Life-Threatening Behavior, Violence and Gender

Co-chair, Association of Counseling Center Training Agencies Bylaws Committee
Fall 2021-Summer 2022
Member, Fall 2019-Fall 2021

State

Mississippi Psychological Association Executive Board
President (Elected position) January 2026-present
President-Elect (Elected position) January 2025- December 2025
By-laws Committee (Chair) January 2023-Present
Task Force on Master's Level Licensure (Member) January 2025-Present
Region 1 Representative (Elected position) January 2023-December 2024

Mississippi State University

Member, College of Arts and Sciences Strategic Initiatives Committee
Spring 2025-Present

Member, Safe Zone Advisory Board
October 2016-August 2026

Member, College of Arts and Sciences Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Access Committee
Fall 2022- Fall 2024

Member, Student Affairs Hospitalization Policy Task Force
Spring 2024

Judge, Undergraduate Research Symposium
Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023

Judge, International Fiesta
Spring 2023

Member, Hiring Committee, Office of Survivor Support Program Director
Fall 2021-Spring 2022

Member, Hiring Committee, College of Veterinary Medicine, Psychology Post-Doctoral Fellow
Fall 2021-Spring 2022

Member, Hiring Committee, Student Counseling Services, Staff Psychologist
Spring 2021-Spring 2022

Member, Student Affairs Staff Development Committee
March 2016-May 2018

Mississippi State University Department of Psychology

Chair, Hiring Committee, Tenure Track Assistant Professor, Clinical
Fall 2026

Member, Hiring Committee, Field Trainer and Outreach Coordinator
Fall 2026

Chair, Hiring Committee, Tenure Track Assistant Professor, Clinical
Fall 2025

Member, Strategic Planning Committee
Fall 2024-Present

Chair, Clinical Training Committee, Clinical Psychology Program
Fall 2024-Present

Member
Fall 2021-Summer 2024

Co-chair, Hiring Committee, Tenure Track Assistant Professor, Clinical
Fall 2024

Member, Graduate Training Committee
Fall 2023-Present

Member, Clinic Committee

Fall 2021-Present

Chair, Clinical Graduate Student Recruitment

2026, 2025, & 2024

Founding Chair, Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Access Committee

Fall 2021-Summer 2024

Member, Hiring Committee Tenure Track Assistant Professor, Clinical

Fall 2023

Previous Universities

Member, Texas Tech University President's Gender Equity Committee

February 2015-January 2016

Interim Coordinator, Texas Tech Safe Zone, Allies Training

September 2014-December 2014

Member, Texas Tech Sexual Assault Stakeholders

August 2013-December 2014

Webmaster/Editor/College Representative, Association of Counseling Psychology Students

September 2009-May 2012

Certified Trainer, Auburn University Safe Zone

March 2009- May 2012

Co-Chair, Auburn University College of Education Diversity Awards Committee

January 2010- May 2011

Co-Chair of Fundraising and Membership Committee, Chi Sigma Iota Honor Society, Iota Delta Sigma Chapter

August 2008-May 2009

Current Association Memberships

American Psychological Association

Council of University Directors of Clinical Psychology

Mississippi Psychological Association