

VASP Spring Conference – June 2, 2023

Featuring Dr. Celeste Malone, Ph.D., NASP President



Morning Session: Reimagining School Psychologists as Healers

Afternoon Session: The Intersection of Ethics and Social Justice

Doubletree Hilton, Charlottesville, Virginia

Registration opens April 3, 2023 at www.vaspweb.org

Program Descriptions:

Morning Session: Reimagining School Psychologists as Healers

Ample evidence indicates that minoritized students experience oppression and discrimination in schools. On an interpersonal level, minoritized students experience discrimination in the form of microaggressions and bias-based bullying. Structural oppression emerges as restricted access to educational opportunities and differential treatment by school staff. The ongoing exposure and re-exposure to oppression impact negatively students' mental and physical health leading to traumatic stress. As mental health professionals, school psychologists teach minoritized students coping skills to help them survive invalidating school environments; however, our goal should be to create environments that allow all students to thrive. This requires school psychologists to embrace healing centered approaches that affirm students' identities, empower students to be agents in restoring their own well-being, and correct the unjust practices which marginalize some students.

As a result of this session, attendees will be able to

1. Describe the relationship between oppression and traumatic stress
2. Explain the difference between coping and healing
3. Apply social justice principles to engage in healing-centered school psychology practice

Afternoon Session: The Intersection of Ethics and Social Justice

This session will count as three hours of NASP Approved ethics credit, if attended in its entirety.

As a result of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Describe how aspirational ethical principles and community standards can support social justice goals
2. Explain how the NASP Standards, particularly the Principles for Professional Ethics, support a social justice approach to school psychology practice
3. Identify ethical and social justice dilemmas in school-based practice
4. Apply a values-based ethical decision-making model to their school psychology practice

About the Presenter

Celeste M. Malone, PhD, MS, is an associate professor and coordinator of the school psychology program at Howard University. She received her master's degree in school counseling from Johns Hopkins University and her doctorate in school psychology from Temple University, and she completed a postdoctoral fellowship in child clinical and pediatric psychology at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. Celeste's primary research interest relates to multicultural and diversity issues embedded in the training and practice of school psychology. Specifically, her work addresses the development of multicultural competence through education and training, diversification of the profession of school psychology, and the relationship between culturally responsive practice and pre-K–12 student outcomes. Related to her interest in professional issues in school psychology, Celeste has continuously held leadership positions in psychology professional associations and has been recognized for her ongoing leadership and commitment to social justice in psychology by presidential recognitions from NASP, the Maryland School Psychologists' Association, and APA Division 16 School Psychology. Celeste is the 2022–2023 NASP President and, notably, is the second person of color to ever serve in this role.

ADDITIONAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Fees (includes meals)

VASP Members/Retired Members - \$150

Non-Members - \$300

VASP Student Members - \$50

Same day registration will be available if space permits; all fees will be increased by \$25 for same day registrations.

Hotel

Doubletree by Hilton is offering a special group discount of \$139 per night for VASP. Call 1-800-222-8733 and ask for "Virginia Academy of School Psychologists group rate". Or use this link to reserve your room online:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=CHOSHDT&groupCode=CDT90R&arrivaldate=2023-06-01&departuredate=2023-06-02&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

Meals

Continental breakfast, snacks, and a buffet lunch are included in your registration fee. Vegetarian options will be available. For other food accommodations or allergies, contact Kelly Acevedo at kefkd5@gmail.com.

Weather and Other Cancellation

In the unlikely event there is a cancellation, we will send a notice to the email address listed in your registration.

Refunds

VASP registration fees are refundable if requests are received by May 30, 2023 at vaspweb.org or by contacting us via email. After that date, a \$50 processing fee will be deducted for the refund. VASP is not responsible for hotel fees or cancellations.

Accessibility

The Doubletree by Hilton is ADA compliant. For special needs, please email Sarah Nevill at: snevill@culpeperschools.org.

Continuing Education Credit

VASP is approved by the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) to offer 6 hours of NASP-approved professional development for school psychologists that attend the conference in its entirety. VASP maintains responsibility for the programs it offers.

Vendors

Tables will be available for vendors or for school systems that would like to recruit school psychologists. Contact Tom Byrnes (thomas.byrnes@portsk12.com) for pricing and details.

SCHEDULE

Thursday, June 1, 2023

7:00pm-9:00pm VASP Board Meeting - All VASP Members are welcome to attend board meetings.

Friday, June 2, 2023

7:30am-8:30am Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30am-11:30am Morning Session

11:45-12:45 Buffet Lunch

1:00-4:00 Afternoon Session

Questions?

Email us! Sarah Nevill, snevill@culpeperschools.org or Kelly Acevedo, kefkd5@gmail.com