



Naomi Ruth Cohen

Institute for Mental Health Education

at The Chicago School of Professional Psychology

Meet the 20th Annual Conference Panel



James Holzhauer-Chuckas, ObSB – Spiritual Message

Mr. Holzhauer-Chuckas is an Oblate of the Benedictine Order. He grew up and lives with his partner, Denisse, in Evanston. He went to Gordon Tech High School, and then to John Carroll University and DePaul University, where he studied religious studies and non-profit administration. James has worked professionally with many organizations including the McGaw YMCA, Evanston/Skokie School District 65, and Kids Playing Camp. He currently serves in the Archdiocese of Chicago as Senior Director of United Catholic Youth Ministries, has earned certification in many areas including LGBTQIA+ advocacy, camp administration, and is a certified diversity practitioner by the Society for Diversity. Currently, he aspires to earn a Master of Social Work to become a licensed clinical social worker, believing strongly in the relationship between good mental health and youth development as critical in today's world.



Keeshawna Brooks, PhD, NCSP, LP – Moderator

Dr. Brooks is an assistant professor and associate department chair of The Chicago School of Professional Psychology's School Psychology program. Dr. Brooks is also the owner of Keys To Care Psychological Services, LLC. She is a licensed school and clinical psychologist and earned her PhD in School Psychology from Loyola University Chicago in 2018. She has previously worked as a survey researcher for a federal contractor, as a school psychologist in Washington D.C. public charter schools, and as a private practice psychology associate in Maryland. Her research interests include the intersection of racial identity, ecological systems, and academic performance as well as social justice in school psychology. She currently serves on the editorial board of the Journal of Educational and Psychological Consultation and previously served as an Illinois School Psychology Association (ISPA) student representative.



Jonathan B. Singer, PhD, LCSW – Panelist

Dr. Singer is a Professor of Social Work at Loyola University Chicago, Past-President of the American Association of Suicidology, and coauthor of the 2015 Routledge text, *Suicide in Schools: A Practitioner's Guide to Multi-level Prevention, Assessment, Intervention, and Postvention*. Dr. Singer is a well-regarded international speaker who has given hundreds of continuing education workshops, keynote addresses, and presentations on youth suicide, ethics, technology, adolescent development, and attachment-based family therapy in the USA, Latin America, Asia, and Europe. He is the author of over 75 publications and his research has been featured in national and international media outlets like NPR, BBC, Fox, Time Magazine, and The Guardian. Dr. Singer is a pioneer in the integration of technology and social work and the founder and host of the award-winning Social Work Podcast (www.socialworkpodcast.com), the first podcast by and for social workers. He lives in Evanston, IL with his wife and three children.



Marcus A. Campbell, EdD – Panelist

Dr. Campbell has served as the Assistant Superintendent/Principal at ETHS since 2013, responsible for providing leadership in the development of district strategy and organizational change, including effective instructional practices, impactful diversity and equity initiatives, and responsive programs and services. He provides administrative leadership to carry out the Board's Equity and Excellence Mission Statement and oversees the implementation of all District equity transformation programs, training, and initiatives to help improve the overall school culture and to eliminate barriers to the equitable education of students from underrepresented backgrounds. His goal is to effectively engage students, staff, parents, the Board and members of the community; clearly articulate the goals and priorities of the District and Superintendent; and build support for the District's mission while increasing pride and trust in the school. Dr. Campbell will assume the position of Superintendent on July 1, 2022.



Emily Her – Panelist

Emily Her is a management consultant from the University of Chicago's class of 2021. Despite being a top student and graduation speaker of her competitive high school, her internal conflicts and trauma brought suicide attempts and a psychiatric hospitalization at age 16. Emily has been diagnosed with various disorders including depression, anxiety, anorexia, obsessive-compulsive disorder, and borderline personality disorder. Because of these defining experiences she hopes that she can give back to the world by sharing a raw vulnerability that shows we are never as alone as we think. Her book, "Everything I Leave Behind for You", is a reflection on the lessons she has learned through her mental health challenges and healing. Emily is a strong voice for young adults in the conversation about raising mental health awareness in professional workplace and competitive education settings: her story demonstrates that what one shows on the outside may not be what they feel on the inside, and the importance of recognizing and reconciling the complicated voices within all of us.



Tracy Levine, MSW, LCSW – Executive Director

Tracy Levine is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker who joined NRCI in June, 2021 with over 30 years of experience in behavioral health and direct services. Her passion for service and dedication to improving the lives of others is proven through years of leading programs focused on building resilience, strengthening family relationships, and supporting children, families, and emerging adults. Her previous experience includes serving in senior leadership roles at Chicago agencies providing child and family services, clinical services, and substance use disorders treatment. Additionally, Tracy serves as an Assistant Professor in TCSP's Master of Counseling Psychology Program and is a certified instructor for Mental Health First Aid (MHFA), Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA), teen Mental Health First Aid (tMHFA) and Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) suicide prevention gatekeeper trainings. Tracy lives in Evanston with her husband and is the proud mom of an ETHS/UGA graduate.



Marilyn & Larry Cohen – Founders

Marilyn and Larry Cohen founded the Naomi Ruth Cohen Family Foundation in 2000 in honor of their daughter Naomi Ruth Cohen who died by suicide having struggled with bipolar disorder. Their mission is to reduce the stigma that creates a barrier to individuals and families accessing the treatment and support they need and deserve. In 2008 they partnered with Dr. Michael Horowitz and the Chicago School of Professional Psychology to form the Naomi Ruth Cohen Institute for Mental Health Education at The Chicago School of Professional Psychology.