



**African American Eating Disorders Professionals (AAEDP) Committee  
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Dr. Ross completed a two-year fellowship in Integrative Medicine at the University of Arizona, studying with Dr. Andrew Weil. Her path then led her to work as the head of the Eating Disorders Program and the Integrative Medicine Department at world-renowned inpatient hospital, Sierra Tucson where she pioneered the Integrative Medicine approach to eating disorder and addiction treatment. Dr. Ross is also an addiction medicine specialist and Suboxone doctor who specializes in opioid addiction treatment. She is a consultant for treatment centers across the country on eating disorders, addiction medicine and integrative medicine.

Currently, Dr. Ross is the CEO of The Anchor Program™, an online non-diet telemedicine coaching program for individuals with binge eating, compulsive overeating and food addiction. The Anchor Certification Program(TM) also offers a certification program for therapists and other providers in the use of her unique approach in working with individuals who struggle with food and body image issues.

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## ***African American Eating Disorders Professionals (AAEDP) Committee***

### ***~Message from CO-CHAIRS~***

***Our mission has expanded. In keeping with the mission of iaedp™'s African American Eating Disorders Professionals (AAEDP) Committee dedicated to identifying, attracting, and engaging African-American Eating Disorders Professionals and providing training and conducting research focused on the unique societal challenges impacting eating behavior and African-Americans, and the barriers to the professional advancement of African-Americans in the field, we recognize that other groups experience similar barriers.***

***Because African Americans are representative in various groups including People of Color, the AAEDP Committee is proud to model inclusivity with the establishment of a People of Color subcommittee of the AAEDP. In so doing, we recognize the complex cumulative challenges of racism, sexism and classism and how they combine, overlap and/or intersect.***

***We would like to pay a special tribute to the founding co-chairs of AAEDP – Mazella Fuller, PhD, MSW, LCSW, CEDS-S and Charlynn Small PhD, CEDS-S who spearheaded the growth and development of the AAEDP, since its inception in June 2016.***

***With our expanded mission, we look forward to be able to engage and attract African American and other professionals of color to model inclusivity and diversity within iaedp. Our mission is to spread the word about AAEDP and about the prevalence and unique characteristics of eating disorders as they present in African Americans and people of color.***



***Co-Chair People of Color (POC-AAEDP) Subcommittee Marvice Marcus, PhD*** has the great fortune of serving as a Staff Psychologist and member of the administrative team at Duke University. He earned his Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology from Washington State University, and completed a predoctoral internship at Duke University CAPS. He primarily worked in university mental health, spanning three regions of the United States and views clinical work as both a place of refuge for clients and an avenue for activism. Dr. Marcus enjoys working with students who present with concerns related to adjustment, mood and anxiety disorders, social and familial conflict, and identity development (e.g., racial, sexual and gender expression). His approach to therapy is integrative, mostly composed of interpersonal/relational interventions, emotional-focused strategies, and behavioral elements. He is especially interested in developing ways to effectively use cultural studies to contextualize human suffering, as well as to elucidate the underpinnings of thought processes and behavior.

Other professional interests include men and masculinities, race and gender politics, and issues of diversity, inclusion and mattering in institutions of higher education.

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***Co-Chair People of Color (POC-AAEDP) Subcommittee Norman H. Kim, PhD*** completed his B.A. at Yale and his Ph.D. in Psychology at UCLA. His research and clinical interests include the neurobiology and social development of people with autism, the developmental course of bipolar disorder, and the treatment of anxiety disorders. In conjunction Norman has developed an expertise in treating and teaching about psychiatrically complex populations, multi-modal treatment, and diagnostic assessment with a particular focus on Eating Disorders, Trauma, and Bipolar Disorder. He is a regular national speaker, educator, and passionate advocate for eating disorder awareness and legislation with a particular focus on marginalized communities. He is on the Board of Directors of the Eating Disorders Coalition and is the co-chair of the Transcultural SIG for the Academy of Eating Disorders. Norman is the co-founder and National Director of the Reasons Eating Disorder Center.

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She is a frequent speaker at international and national conferences, and is an educator and advocate for the awareness of eating disorders affecting African-Americans, and other persons of color and underrepresented groups. Published journal articles focus on multicultural education, and on college students with eating disorders. Dr. Small is a International Association of Eating Disorders Professionals (iaedp™) Board of Directors member and an iaedp™ certified (CEDS-S) Approved Supervisor member. She has served as a member of the Advisory Board for the National Association of Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders (ANAD) and currently serves as Certification Chair of the Richmond, Virginia iaedp™ Chapter.

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Dr. Brooks served as the eating disorders specialist in the HBO film *Thin*, has appeared on *Good Morning America* and has been featured in the following publications: *The New York Times*, *People Magazine*, *Essence Magazine* and *Perspectives*, The Renfrew Center Foundation's journal for professionals. A frequent presenter at conferences and workshops, Dr. Brooks speaks on topics such as the Unified Treatment of the complex patient, eating disorders and cultural diversity, the interplay between eating disorders and trauma, and eating disorders in mid-life women. Dr. Brooks is a former member of the iaedp™ Board of Directors where she served as Staff Liaison to the AAEDP-POC. Dr. Brooks is Co-Chair of the AED Diversity SIG.

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***Dr. Lesley Williams, CEDS*** is a Certified Eating Disorder Specialist and board certified Family Medicine physician. She received her Doctor of Medicine degree from the University Kentucky College of Medicine and completed her Family Medicine residency training at Mayo Clinic Arizona. She has worked exclusively with eating disorders for over 15 years in the full spectrum of treatment settings.

Dr. Williams is founder of Williams Wellness Medical Group, an outpatient eating disorder practice in Phoenix, AZ dedicated to providing expert medical care for those struggling with all forms of eating disorders and disordered eating. She has previously served as the Co-Founder and CEO for Liberation Center eating disorder treatment center and is currently the Medical Team Lead for Banner Behavioral Health Hospital in Scottsdale, AZ. Dr. Williams is a dynamic speaker who has given numerous lectures at national professional conferences. Her areas of special interest and expertise include: Diabetes and Eating Disorders, Gastrointestinal Illnesses and Co-Occurring Eating Disorders, PCOS & Binge Eating Disorder (BED), Inclusivity in Eating Disorder Treatment, Diabetes and Eating Disorders as well as Health at Every Size Advocacy.

Dr. Williams is a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians, Academy of Eating Disorders (AED) and the International Association of Eating Disorder Professionals (iaedp™). Due to her hard work and dedication to the field in 2018 Dr. Williams was named as one of the Top 80 Female Eating Disorder Leaders in the United States and just selected for AED's new Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Advisory Committee. I am hopeful it will be a platform to expand diversity and inclusion efforts in the field.

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Her specialties include body image and eating disorders among people of color, anxiety and coping with life transitions particularly those affecting the Gen Z and Millennial demographic. She has 4 years of experience with working at Carolina House-an eating disorder treatment facility where she provided individual and family therapy as well as facilitated Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT), Body Image, Self-Care and Media Awareness groups for patients. In addition to therapy, Kena also hosts private therapeutic vision board events that are geared to help individuals and couples connect with their values as they plan for their vision for the year.

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Dr. Webb obtained her Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology from The University of Georgia in 2002, her Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology from Howard University and Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from The University of Florida. She also completed her internship training at the Medical College of Georgia and Augusta VA Hospital with specialty training in eating disorders and obesity issues. She continued her eating disorder training by completing a post-doctoral fellowship at the Atlanta Center for Eating Disorders (currently known as Walden Behavioral Care).

Dr. Webb has served as a professional member of Eating Disorders Information Network (EDIN) for several years conducting presentations in school, universities, medical and behavioral health offices, and community organizations. She was also a founding board member for Supporting Others Achieve Recovery (SOAR), an organization that offers hope and support for people in early recovery from an eating disorder. In addition, she has been a member of the Georgia Psychological Association (GPA) since 1999 and has served as a GPA board member for several years. Currently, she is a committee member for GPA's Council of Independent Practice and serves on GPA's Speakers Bureau.

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**Caryl James Bateman, B.Sc (Hons), M.Sc, PhD** is a Clinical Psychologist and Eating Disorder Specialist in Jamaica. She is also a Senior Lecturer and the Psychology Unit Coordinator at the University of the West Indies, Mona. She has a passion for helping people, particularly people of the Caribbean. Through her research and her work with her patients, she has recognized that culture plays a significant role in the way in which individuals seek and receive treatment.

Within the Caribbean context she has done research in areas such as eating disorders, body image, sleep, the lived experiences of psychiatric patients, traditional medicine, sexuality, depression and trauma. She is an advocate for raising eating disorder awareness in the Caribbean and as such pioneered the first international conference in the Caribbean: Dying to be Beautiful: Body Image, Eating Behaviours and Health in the Caribbean. She works diligently with eating disorder sufferers and family members. In the international community Caryl actively informs about the Caribbean culture and its impact on the presentation and treatment of eating disorders.

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Ashley completed her B.A. at Swarthmore College and her Master of Family Therapy at Drexel University. Ashley has presented at several conferences and in the community on mental health and eating disorders. She is a member of the Northern California Community for Emotionally Focused Therapy (NCCEFT) and California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists (CAMFT).

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**Priscilla Tran** has an extensive background in community development, patient advocacy, case management and marketing, spanning 15 years. For the past 3 years Priscilla has been an Advanced Treatment Placement Specialist an Initiative of Acadia Healthcare. She is humbled by the opportunity to provide access to free treatment guidance and advocacy to folks across all intersections of life. She provides an empathic ear and thoughtful guidance to individuals and their loved ones who are seeking healing while trying to navigate their residential treatment options, for a variety of behavioral health needs.

While providing treatment placement for a range of behavioral health needs, her established specialty is eating disorder care and providing consultation and training to peers throughout the country in regards to appropriate and accessible eating resources across all levels of care.

She hopes through her work she can be a conduit to joy and hope in these people's lives. With her heart rooted in service, she has served as Division Director of March of Dimes in the state of Nevada, Youth Market Director of the American Heart Association and Clinical Outreach Supervisor of Center for Discovery in Northern California. She has served as membership chair of the IAEDP-Bay Area Chapter for the past two years and a board member of The Body Positive for the past two years.

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Before joining Rosewood Centers for Eating Disorders, Melodie served in multiple capacities for one of the largest nonprofit healthcare organizations in the nation. She has treated patients across the lifespan from early adolescent to geriatric, including patients with Alzheimer’s disease and dementia. Melodie has been employed as a clinician since 2008. During her tenure, she has treated many patients with eating disorders, co-occurring disorders/chemical dependency, personality disorders, and medically complex patients.

Melodie is a registered Licensed Supervisor on the Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Examiners Registry. She currently holds an unrestricted independent license in professional counseling. Melodie studied advanced practice psychiatric nursing at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. She received her Master of Science in Mental Health Counseling from Mississippi College in Clinton, Mississippi, and received her undergraduate degree from University of Alaska in her hometown of Fairbanks.

Melodie is a member of the International Association of Eating Disorder Professionals, Phoenix chapter. She has a passion for learning and is in the process of obtaining her certification as an eating disorder specialist. Her long-term goal is to obtain a doctorate in behavioral health management.

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Alyssa's specialties and career passions include eating disorders, disordered eating, and performance nutrition. She also has extensive experience with patients who have co-occurring diagnoses such as: diabetes, food allergies, GI complications, PCOS, and substance abuse. Aside from her day-to-day clinical work, Alyssa also regularly concerns herself with public speaking in the form of presentations, webinars, and teaching. She especially enjoys teaching dietetic students about identifying and treating eating disorders. She serves as a contract professor at California State University Los Angeles and guest lecturer at Loma Linda University.

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Anthony graduated from the University of Arizona with a bachelor's in nutritional science. He completed his dietetic internship at the University of Arizona Medical Center and completed a sports nutrition internship at Exos. Anthony has received certification with iaedp™ as a Certified Eating Disorders Registered Dietitian. Anthony has worked at all levels of care in eating disorder treatment with both adults and teenage clients.

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**[Shelly Kamboj](#)** is passionate about building authentic and collaborative relationships in order to help the community find the support they need throughout their healing journey. As the Director of Regional Outreach at Alsana, she is grateful to get to spend her time connecting with area professionals and learning about different eating disorder resources in order to help those around her find the appropriate care for their needs. Prior to her focus on Eating Disorders she worked in the education community for many years helping families find mental health support and services. Through various events, creation of groups and more, she tried to help expand the accessibility to mental health and educational resources in the Bay Area with the sole goal of making access to care and education easier for families to reach. Though she now focuses primarily on supporting the eating disorder community, she is always eager to help anyone in need. She is currently a board member of the organization, Eating Disorder Recovery Support, where she is helping to organize educational conferences and events. Her life goal is to live each day with purpose in a way that allows her to look back and know that she's been true to herself, honest with her community, and made a positive impact in people's lives. **Contact: Phone: [\(408\) 239-9584](tel:(408)239-9584)/Email: [ShellyMKamboj@gmail.com](mailto:ShellyMKamboj@gmail.com)**



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Dr. Bergquist is a Distinguished Fellow of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP) where she serves on the Advocacy Committee; Inpatient, Residential, and Partial Hospitalization Committee; and President's Initiative Task Force on Emotion Dysregulation in children and Adolescents. She has many local leadership responsibilities in the Washington State Council of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (WSCCAP), the Washington State Psychiatric Association (WSPA), and is a governor appointee to the Washington State Children and Youth Behavioral Health Workgroup. As a community leader, she is an elected director of the Renton School Board of Directors.

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