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ACADEMIC PREPARATION

Institution	Degree	Major	Date
Auburn University	Ph.D.	Counselor Education and Supervision (<i>CACREP Accredited</i>)	2022
Auburn University	M.Ed.	Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling (<i>CACREP Accredited</i>)	2018
Auburn University	BS	Rehabilitation and Disabilities Studies	2016

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) Trained Counselor	2019 – present
Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification – Certified Rehabilitation Counselor	2018 – present
National Certified Counselor, through the National Board of Certified Counselors	2018 – present
Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) Program	Updated January 2022

SUMMARY OF PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

Location	Department	Title	Date
University of South Florida	Child & Family Studies – Rehabilitation Counseling & Disability Sciences Program	<i>Assistant Professor of Instruction, Field Experience Coordinator, & Interim Program Coordinator</i>	August 2023 – Present
University of South Florida	Child & Family Studies – Rehabilitation Counseling & Disability Sciences Program	<i>Interim Program Coordinator</i>	August 2023 – August 2024
University of South Florida	Child & Family Studies – Rehabilitation Counseling & Disability Sciences Program	<i>Adjunct Professor</i>	May 2023 – August 2023
Sedgwick	Accommodations	<i>ADA Accommodations Specialist</i>	September 2021 – August 2023
Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency	Vocational Service	<i>Training Coordinator</i>	December 2020 – September 2021

Auburn University	University Career Center	<i>Intern</i>	January 2019 – May 2019
Auburn University	SERC – Auburn Transition Leadership Institute	<i>Doctoral Graduate Research & Teaching Assistant</i>	August 2018 – August 2022
Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services	Division of Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Services	<i>Rehabilitation Counselor (Intern)</i>	January 2018 – August 2018
Troy University	Youth Leadership Forum	<i>Group Leader</i>	June 2017
Opelika, Alabama	Easter Seals Achievement Center	<i>Job Coach</i>	May 2017 – August 2017
Auburn University	SERC – Auburn Transition Leadership Institute	<i>Graduate Research Assistant</i>	August 2016 – December 2017
Auburn University	SERC – Auburn Transition Leadership Institute	<i>Intern</i>	August 2015 – August 2016
Auburn University	Transition Leadership Academy	<i>Facilitator</i>	June 2015 & June 2016
Auburn, Alabama	I-K9	<i>Service Dog Trainer</i>	May 2015 – August 2015
Opelika, Alabama	Storybook Farm	<i>Volunteer</i>	May 2014 – August 2015

UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCES

Location	Department	Course	Date
University of South Florida	Child and Family Studies	<i>Internship – RCS 6825 (Instructor)</i>	Spring 2025
University of South Florida	Child and Family Studies	<i>Career and Lifestyle Assessments – RCS 6301 (Instructor)</i>	Spring 2025
University of South Florida	Child and Family Studies	<i>Individual Evaluation and Assessment – RCS 6220 (Instructor)</i>	Spring 2025
University of South Florida	Child and Family Studies	<i>Practicum in Counseling – RCS 6803 (Instructor)</i>	Summer 2024
University of South Florida	Child and Family Studies	<i>Counseling Theories and Practice – RCS 6407 (Instructor)</i>	Summer 2024
University of South Florida	Child and Family Studies	<i>Human Growth and Development – MHS 5480 (Instructor)</i>	Spring 2024
University of South Florida	Child and Family Studies	<i>Internship – RCS 6825 (Instructor)</i>	Spring 2024

University of South Florida	Child and Family Studies	<i>Counseling Approaches for Substance Abusers – RCS 6456 (Instructor)</i>	Fall 2023
University of South Florida	Child and Family Studies	<i>Career and Lifestyle Assessments – RCS 6301 (Instructor)</i>	Fall 2023
University of South Florida	Child and Family Studies	<i>Legal, Ethical and Professional Standards – RCS 5780 (Instructor)</i>	Fall 2023
University of South Florida	Child and Family Studies	<i>Overview of Addictive Disorders – RCS 4453 (Instructor)</i>	Fall 2023
University of South Florida	Child and Family Studies	<i>Counseling Theories and Practice – RCS 6407 (Instructor)</i>	Summer 2023
Auburn University	Special Education, Rehabilitation and Counseling	<i>Group Counseling – COUN 7340 (Co-instructor)</i>	Fall 2020, Fall 2021
Auburn University	Special Education, Rehabilitation and Counseling	<i>Ethical Practices in Rehabilitation (Co-instructor)</i>	Fall 2021
Auburn University	Special Education, Rehabilitation and Counseling	<i>Counseling Theories – COUN 7320 (Co-instructor)</i>	Fall 2021
Auburn University	Special Education, Rehabilitation and Counseling	<i>Counseling Theories – COUN 7326 (Co-instructor)</i>	Fall 2020
Auburn University	Special Education, Rehabilitation and Counseling	<i>Introduction to Rehabilitation – RSED 3020 (Instructor)</i>	Fall 2020
Auburn University	Special Education, Rehabilitation and Counseling	<i>Clinical Residency – COUN 4923 (Instructor)</i>	Spring 2020
Auburn University	Special Education, Rehabilitation and Counseling	<i>Introduction to Rehabilitation – RSED 3020 (Guest Lecturer)</i>	Spring 2020
Auburn University	Special Education, Rehabilitation and Counseling	<i>Introduction to Measurement and Assessment – COUN 7200 (Guest Lecturer)</i>	Summer 2019
Auburn University	Special Education, Rehabilitation and Counseling	<i>Introduction to Counseling Practice – COUN 7350 (Guest Lecturer)</i>	Spring 2019
Auburn University	Special Education, Rehabilitation and Counseling	<i>Clinical Residency – COUN 4923 (Instructor)</i>	Spring 2019
Auburn University	Special Education, Rehabilitation and Counseling	<i>Introduction to Counseling Practice – COUN 7350 (Guest Lecturer)</i>	Spring 2019

PRESENTATIONS

State Level

- Worthey, L., & Chou, C. C. (2023). *What impacts self-advocacy? Improving self-advocacy skills for people with disabilities in postsecondary settings*. Florida Association of People Supporting Employment First. Tampa, Florida.
- Chou, C. C., Worthey, L., & McMillian, R. (2023). *RSA Scholar Panel*. Florida Rehabilitation Association (FRA). Tampa, Florida.
- Montgomery, T., Lewis, D., Kartovicky, L., & Barnett, B. (2021). *Trauma linking to suicide ideation in K-12 population: How can counselors and educators address the pain experienced by youth*. 6th Annual Critical Issues for Alabama Schools Conference [virtual].
- Kartovicky, L. (2020). *Ethical dilemmas in rehabilitation counseling*. 2020 Alabama Transition Conference, Opelika, Alabama.
- Kartovicky, L. & Cler, K. (2020). *Mental health considerations for students with disabilities in postsecondary educational settings*. 2020 Alabama Transition Conference, Opelika, Alabama.
- Kartovicky, L. & Worthey, B. (2020). *Improving self-advocacy skills for students with disabilities in postsecondary educational settings*. 2020 Alabama Transition Conference, Opelika, Alabama.
- Montgomery, T., Kartovicky, L., Lewis, D., & Barnett, B. (2020). *Breaking down walls of suicide ideation in adolescents*. 2020 Alabama Counseling Association Conference, Montgomery, Alabama.
- Derzis, N., Kartovicky, L., Worthey, B. & Shields, J. (2019). *Ethical codes: An evolution of counseling standards for practice*. 2019 Alabama Rehabilitation Counseling Association Conference, Gulf Shores, Alabama.
- Kartovicky, L. (2019). *Animal use in rehabilitation settings*. 2019 Alabama Transition Conference, Opelika, Alabama.
- Kartovicky, L. (2019). *Ethical considerations in rehabilitation counseling*. 2019 Spring Workshop – Ethics in Mental Health Counseling Specialty Areas: A Multidivisional Offering, Montgomery, Alabama.
- Kartovicky, L. & Shields, J. (2019). *Disability awareness*. Alabama's Youth Leadership Forum, Troy, Alabama.
- Montgomery, T., Kartovicky, L., & Lewis, D. (2019). *Measures to prevent suicide ideation and behaviors amongst youth: Collaborative efforts of school, mental health and rehabilitation counselors*. 2019 Alabama Counseling Association Conference, Montgomery, Alabama.
- Thomas, C. & Kartovicky, L. (2019). *Ethics and mindfulness for you, me and us*. 2019 Alabama Rehabilitation Counselors and Educators Association Ethics Workshop, Montgomery, Alabama.
- Thomas, C. & Kartovicky, L. (2019). *Ethical on purpose: Mindful best practices in transition*. 2019 Alabama Transition Conference, Opelika, Alabama.
- Tuttle, M., Yordy, M., Meyer, J., & Kartovicky, L. (2019). *School counselors and school nurses: Collaboration to bring canines to school*. 2019 Alabama Counseling Association Conference, Montgomery, Alabama.
- Yordy, M., Tuttle, M., Meyer, J., & Kartovicky, L. (2019). *What factors influence perceptions about animal-assisted therapy?* 2019 Auburn Faculty Research Symposium, Auburn, Alabama.
- Harrell, L., Kartovicky, L., & Shields, J. (2018). *Having an invisible disability does not make you invisible*. Annual Alabama Counseling Association Conference, Birmingham, Alabama.
- Kartovicky, L. & Worthey, B. (2018) *The importance of self-care for counseling professionals*. Annual Alabama Counseling Association Conference, Birmingham, Alabama.
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Kartovicky, L. (2016). *Animal therapy in transition*. 2016 Alabama Transition Conference, Auburn, Alabama.

Kartovicky, L. (2015). *Mental health in transition*. 2015 Alabama Transition Conference, Opelika, Alabama.

National Level

Park, J., Kartovicky, L., & Thomas, C. (2021). *A review of the counseling literature surrounding current ethical trends and issues*. 2021 Law and Ethics conference [virtual].

Kartovicky, L. & Worthey, B. (2020). *Strategies for improving students with disabilities self-advocacy skills*. 2020 National Rehabilitation Council on Rehabilitation Education Spring Conference, San Diego, California.

Thomas, C., Curtis, R., Park, J. & Kartovicky, L. (2020). *Critical ethical and legal issues in rehabilitation counseling*. 2020 Law and Ethics in Counseling Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Worthey, B. & Kartovicky, L. (2020). *Harm reduction as a humanistic approach for treating substance use*. 2020 Association for Humanistic Counseling Conference, Denver, Colorado. .

Kartovicky, L., Worthey, B., Shields, J. & Bell, B. (2019). *Supervision Strategies for Counselor Educators Working with Rehabilitation Counseling Students*. 2019 National Council on Rehabilitation Education Fall Conference, Washington, D.C.

Yordy, M., Tuttle, M., Meyer, J., & Kartovicky, L. (2019). *School counselors and school nurses: Attitudes, knowledge, and experiences about brining canines to school*. 20 Association for Creativity in Counseling Association, Clearwater, Florida.

Webinars

Kartovicky, L. (2019). *Animal-assisted therapy in counseling*. BRACE Grant (M01HP31284), 2019 Webinar. Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama.

Tyler, J., Gunther, J., Kartovicky, L., Montgomery, T., Shields, J., White, D., Worthey, B. & Bell, B. (2019). *The Supervisor Toolbox: A Training for Site Supervisors*. 2019 Webinar, Auburn, Alabama.

PUBLICATIONS

Park, J., Kartovicky, L. K., Barkley, A., & Thomas, C. M. (In press). A content analysis of the counseling literature on ethics in three specialty areas. *Counseling & Values*.

Yordy, M. A., Kartovicky, L., & Pope, W. S. (2022). Animal-assisted therapy course utilizing simulations. *Nurse Educator*, 47(4), 256-257.

Kartovicky, L. (2020). Improving self-advocacy skills for students with disabilities in postsecondary education settings. *Journal of Applied Rehabilitation Counseling*, 51(3), 238-248.

Yordy, M., Tuttle, M., Meyer, J. & Kartovicky, L. (2020). What factors influence perceptions about animal-assisted therapy? *Journal of Creativity in Mental Health*, 17(2), 230-245.

CONFERENCES AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

State Level

2022 Alabama Transition Conference, April 2022, Opelika, Alabama

2021 Alabama Transition Conference Training Series, [virtual].

2020 Alabama Transition Conference, March 2020, Opelika, Alabama.

2019 Alabama Rehabilitation Counseling Association Conference, December 2019, Gulf Shores, Alabama.

2019 Alabama Counseling Association Conference, November 2019, Birmingham, Alabama.

2019 Alabama Transition Conference, March 2019, Opelika, Alabama.

2018 Alabama Counseling Association Conference, November 2018, Birmingham, Alabama.

Optimizing Outcomes: Trauma Informed Care and the Deaf Population, Understanding Cross Language and Cross-Cultural Challenges, March 2018, Montgomery, Alabama.

2016 Transition Leadership Academy I and II, June 15th -17th and 22th – 24th, Auburn, Alabama.

2016 Alabama Transition Conference, March 2016, Auburn, Alabama.

Stewards of Children Training, Darkness to Light, September 2015, Auburn University, Alabama.

2015 Transition Leadership Academy I and II, June 17th – 19th and 24th – 26th, Auburn, Alabama.

2015 Alabama Transition Conference, March 2 – 4, 2015, Opelika, Alabama.

National Level

2021 Law and Ethics conference, February 2021 [virtual].

2020 Law and Ethics in Counseling Conference, February 2020, New Orleans, Louisiana.

2019 Association for Creativity in Counseling Association, December 2019, Clearwater, Florida.

2019 National Council on Rehabilitation Education Fall Conference, October 2019, Washington, D.C.

International Level

Therapeutic Benefits of Animal Assisted Therapy Webinar Training, December 26, 2018, Auburn, Alabama.

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS, PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AWARDS

Location	Organization	Title	Date
University of South Florida	Accessibility Student Network	<i>Faculty Advisor</i>	February 2024 - Present
United States	American Counseling Association	<i>Member</i>	November 2024 – present
		<i>Student Member</i>	August 2018 – August 2019
United States	Association for Counselor Education and Supervision	<i>Member</i>	November 2024 – present
United States	American Rehabilitation Counseling Association	<i>Member</i>	November 2024 – present
United States	International Association of Rehabilitation Professionals	<i>Member</i>	November 2024 – present
University of South Florida	Student Government Accessibility Task Force	<i>Faculty Advisor</i>	August 2023 – February 2024
United States	National Rehabilitation Association	<i>Member</i>	August 2018 – August 2019
Auburn University	Iota Delta Sigma	<i>Member</i>	March 2017 – August 2022

Auburn University	Iota Delta Sigma	<i>Rehabilitation Representative</i>	March 2020 – March 2021
Alabama	Alabama Division of the American Rehabilitation Counseling Association	<i>Treasurer</i>	March 2020 – March 2021
Auburn University	Iota Delta Sigma	<i>Outstanding Leadership Award</i>	March 2020
Auburn University	Iota Delta Sigma	<i>Co-President</i>	March 2019 – March 2020
Alabama	Alabama Division of the American Rehabilitation Counseling Association	<i>President</i>	May 2019 – May 2020
Auburn University	Special Education, Rehabilitation and Counseling	<i>Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling Recruiter</i>	October 2018
Auburn University	Iota Delta Sigma	<i>Treasurer</i>	March 2018 – March 2019
Auburn University	Iota Delta Sigma	<i>Outstanding Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling Student Award</i>	March 2018
Auburn University	Iota Delta Sigma	<i>Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling Student Representative</i>	March 2017 – March 2018
Auburn University	Auburn Transition Leadership Institute	<i>Winner of the Undergraduate Research Poster Competition</i>	March 2016
Auburn University	Auburn Transition Leadership Institute	<i>Winner of the Undergraduate Research Poster Competition</i>	March 2015

COMPUTER APPLICATION AND TECHNICAL SKILLS

Proficient in Adobe Suite (Connect, Presenter, Acrobat X Pro)

Proficient with Panopto

Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite (Access, Excel, OneNote, Outlook, Picture Manager, PowerPoint, Publisher, Word)