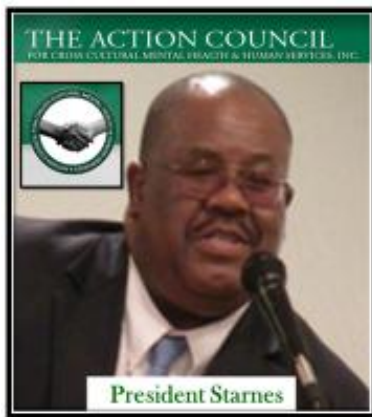




From the President

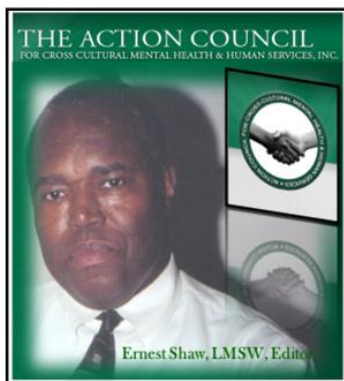


We have reached the end of another exciting year and the planning for the 2018 Cross-Cultural Conference is complete. The Action Council website is an excellent resource to obtain information on the Cross-Cultural Conference and other Action Council events. The success of our organization results from the hard work of our members and our board of directors. Hard-working men and women with a variety of skills, work daily to ensure that all Action Council events are relevant and an overall success. This edition of the newsletter will highlight just a few of them.

“Collaborating among professions: Embracing today, Empowering Tomorrow” was the theme of this year’s conference.

In the coming year, the Action Council will continue to collaborate with other groups and individuals to reach a wider audience and make certain that our mission is accomplished. Please visit our website regularly at crossculturalactioncouncil.org.

From the Editor



Thank you for reviewing the 2017 edition of our newsletter. I am honored to serve as the current editor of our newsletter. My goal is simply to assemble the pieces of our story, preserve them and make them available. Please help me by sending me the pieces that you have.

The primary goal of this organization is to promote cultural competency through the various educational events that we sponsor and present throughout the year. This edition of the newsletter will provide our readers some of the highlights of 2017 including a final report on the 39th Annual Cross-Cultural Conference.

I thank those individuals and organizations who continue to contribute to our success and extend an invitation to everyone to join us for future events This edition of the newsletter will also provide information regarding preparation for the 40th annual conference in 2018.

You can contribute to the content of the newsletter by submitting print-ready news items and photographs to me at Ernestshaw2001@yahoo.com. We know that you are doing wonderful things out there that we all need to know about. Please remember that the opinions expressed in this publication are the opinions of the writers and do not necessarily reflect the policies of our organizations. We welcome corrections, opposing opinions, and constructive criticism.

The 2017 Conference: How Did We Do?





The Cross-Cultural Conference at 40

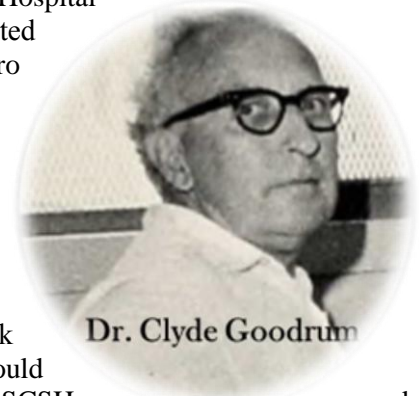
Ernest Shaw, LMSW

The 40th anniversary of a gathering that evolved into the Annual Cross-Cultural Conference is the appropriate time to pause and review factors that fostered our development, growth, and endurance. Dramatic changes accompanying the end of legal racial segregation in South Carolina in the 1960s spawned dramatic changes in SC Department of Mental Health (SCDMH) and other state agencies.



Around 1960, Dr. Clyde Goodrum, a white New Englander, who came south to teach was hired by SC State Hospital (SCSH) to help develop a “coordinated effort at training graduates of Negro colleges.” Goodrum and four graduate students from Benedict College and Allen University began providing counseling services at State Park Unit, the segregated facility for black mental patients located north of Columbia.

The creation of the Cross-Cultural Conference and other entities designed to promote diversity can be attributed to the success of Goodrum’s effort. The subsequent contributions of several of the black professionals employed in that facility in the early and mid-1960s should be examined. In 1963 State Park was administratively separated from SCSH and renamed Palmetto State Hospital. Civil Rights advocate Modjeska Simpkins and others protested the



unequal treatment accorded black patients and staff at the hospital. Finally, in 1965 SCDMH was integrated and the former black institution became Crafts-Farrow State Hospital.

Moses Rabb of Rock Hill came to Columbia and by 1964 he was working at the hospital. Alice Hurley who is perhaps better known for her association with a Columbia funeral home studied at Atlanta University under Dean of Social Work, Whitney Young, future president of the National Urban League and the National Association of Social Workers. Hurley worked as a social worker at Crafts-Farrow until 1967. She also helped to organize the Columbia Urban League that year with the support of Young.

Hurley wrote in the November 1965 edition of Palmetto Variety, the hospital's house magazine,

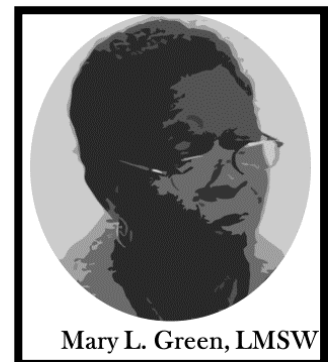


“Augustus Rodgers, a recent graduate of Benedict began working in July.” “Benedict graduate Floster Leon Ellison was promoted to Chief of Social Services.” “Another social worker was hired to replace Otis Corbitt who was away at school.” In 1970, there was an effort to secure collective bargaining rights for workers at Crafts Farrow and a local newspaper cited Augustus Rogers’ role in that effort. Corbitt, the nephew of

Ellison, later earned a Doctorate

in Social Work from Columbia University and was the highest-ranking black staffer in SCDMH for many years.

Mary Green, a social worker, joined the staff at Crafts-Farrow in 1974. She cited the relationship that Corbitt was able to develop with white mental health professionals such as Joe James, Dr. William Powell and Sharon Spivey as a critical factor in the creation of the environment that fostered the Cross-cultural movement.



Joe James, a social worker, started work at Greenville Mental Health Center in 1964. In 1977 Piedmont



Joe James, LMSW William Powell, M.D. Sharon Spivey, LISW

Center for Mental Health Services was opened and James became the director. Dr. William S. Powell became the director of neighboring Spartanburg Area Mental Health Center that year as well. Both were early supporters of our effort and both still direct their centers today. Sharon Spivey began work at SCDMH after earning a master’s degree in social work from Florida State University in 1969. She spent 28 years at the agency before retiring as Assistant

Director of the Greenville Mental Health Center. Sharon said that she worked with Dr. Corbitt for a decade between 1983 and 1993. After 49 years, Sharon is still working as a Christian counselor in Greenville. She said, “It was a privilege to work with Dr. Corbitt” and “It’s good to know the Council continues his legacy.”

These pioneers collaborated with other professionals and community leaders to organize the Conference on Minorities and Mental Health in May of 1979 in Greenville. Mary Green recalled that the initial conference was such a success that it was decided to make it an annual event. We are about to celebrate the 40th anniversary of what became the Cross-Cultural Conference.

Dr. Corbitt proclaimed “we have come a long way since the Conference became a reality.” Dr. Corbitt who died in 2009 would probably still describe our annual conferences as “mountaintop experiences.” Attendance of a single conference is all that is required to earn one the title of “cousin.” Joe James is believed to be the only person to have attended every conference. He, Mrs. James and now their grandson are a regular presence.



A Tradition of Leadership

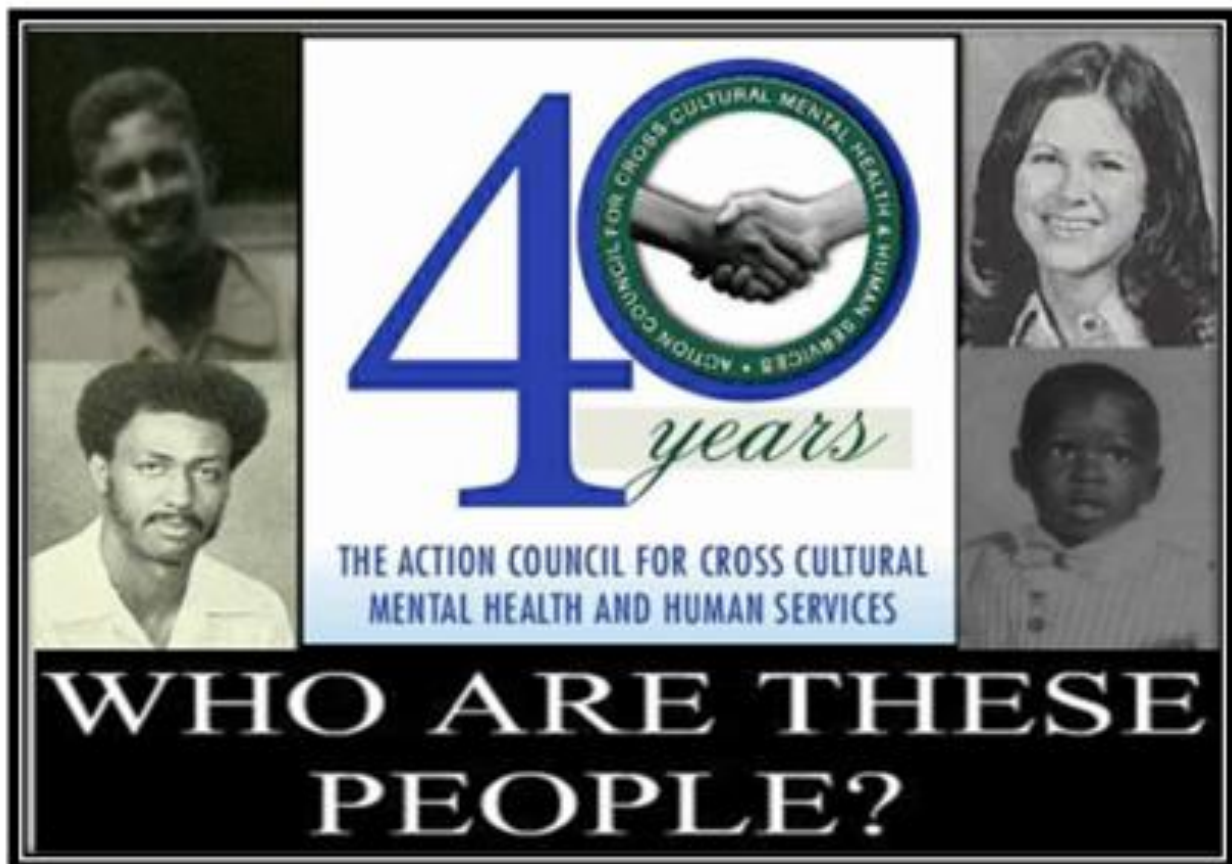
The success of the early conferences led to the establishment of The Action Council for Cross-Cultural Mental Health and Human Services. The roots of efforts to develop a formal organization predate the first conference and some sources cite 1978 as the year of establishment. The date of filing with the Secretary of State's office is listed as January 25, 1983. Dr. Otis Corbitt served as the president of the organization for many years. Other capable leaders followed in his footsteps to serve in various positions to ensure the success of our effort.

An Enduring Tradition of Leadership



Dolores V. Macey, Ph.D. joined Dr. Corbitt at the second conference and for many years, she was one of

An Enduring Supporter



Please see the last page of this newsletter

the most prominent faces of the Action Council, the Cross-Cultural Conference and the movement to promote cultural competency. She served as the Director of the Cultural Action Center at the Department of Mental Health. Her place in the history of our organization loomed so large that she was initially listed



among the presidents featured above because it was generally believed by many she must have been president at some point during our entire history. We are truly grateful that we have been graced with the presence of someone who could give so much without ever having a need to be “The President.”

We were there!

Ernest Shaw, LMSW, Editor

In an earlier edition of this newsletter, President Starnes wrote “The Action Council is a 501C3 organization. As such, the organization does not endorse one political or religious doctrine. As expected, our members bring with them a myriad of beliefs and convictions. This healthy blend is revealed in our many discussions of circumstances affecting our society.” Even the decision to hold the 2000 conference outside of the state in support of efforts to remove the Confederate flag from the statehouse dome drew criticism. However, long-time members of the Action Council as individuals and as members of other organizations were there during pivotal moments leading up to the dramatic removal of the flag in 2016.

Rev. Lavern Witherspoon, a Kingstree, SC native, and Action Council member, served as the pastor of Charleston’s historical Emanuel AME Church from 2004 to 2006. In 2015 the racially motivated massacre of church members and the minister at the end of a bible study set in motion unforeseen events.

President Obama came to Charleston to deliver the eulogy for the slain pastor of the church who followed in Rev. Witherspoon’s footsteps. Rev. Juenarrl Keith another longtime member of the Action Council served as a backup singer when the president sang “Amazing Grace.”

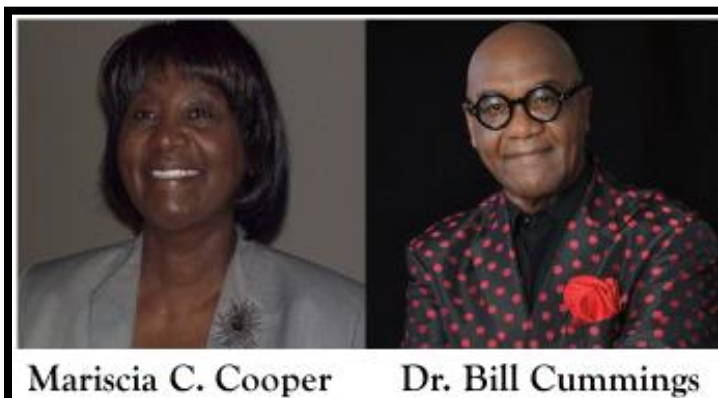
Marjorie Hammock one of the faces of our organization added her eloquent voice to those who ask that the flag be taken down and Harrison Reardon, another stalwart in the Action Council



and, a friend of Rev. Daniel Simmons, one of the shooting victims, was there to see Governor Haley sign the bill to take the flag down. We were there when it counted and many more of us were there when the flag came down. Please see "The Meaning of Charleston" in the 2015 online edition of this newsletter.

Mrs. Cooper and her Brother

Mariscia Cummings was educated at Voorhees College and Morris College and she received a graduate degree from Francis Marion University. She has been a teacher and curriculum coordinator for exceptional students in the Darlington County. She has worked with a variety of programs designed to help at-risk youths. In 1994 she was honored for her work by the SC Commission on Women. Mariscia C. Cooper is a member of the Board of Directors of the Pee Dee Mental Health Center as is Nadine Livingston.



In the Black community, a barbershop is a place of special significance. The barber may be the counselor or the sculptor. A barbershop is a place where the boy can learn to be a man. Writers and movie makers know the power of this special place that some have compared to the church as a

restorative force in the community. Marissa married into a family that has carried on this special tradition in Darlington for almost a century. Her husband's father operated Cooper's Barber Shop for more than fifty years. Her husband and son were the third and fourth generations to operate that special place in Darlington and there is a kindred spirit between the barber and the teacher.

Mariscia is a regular presence at Cross-Cultural Conferences. She introduced us to her brother, Dr. Bill Cummings, a great musician. He earned degrees in Music Education from Morgan State University and Coppin State University before earning a Doctorate of Worship Studies degree from Wheaton College. Dr. Cummings, has performed throughout the world and has entertained thousands including the Pope. Dr. Cummings was a featured presenter and performer at the 2012 conference and his return is still being requested by attendees.



To Be Counted On



Nadine Livingston is employed by the SC Department of Social Services. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the Pee Dee Mental Health Center. She has also worked tirelessly in recent years to plan the Cross-Cultural Conferences, Women's Leadership, and Forensic Conferences.

Tracy Richardson is employed by the Anderson Oconee Pickens Mental Health Center where she worked tirelessly to comfort her community after a tragic school shooting. She is also an educator at Anderson College. Tracy and Nadine worked together with other members of the


planning committee to put on an impressive Gala to kick off our 40th Anniversary celebrations.

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The celebration of the 40th Cross-Cultural Conference was kicked off with a gala featuring the music of trombonist Wycliffe Gordon. Gordon was a music student at Florida A&M University and a member of the Marching 100 in 1987 when he came to the attention on New Orleans' music legend Wynton Marsalis. We used the occasion to honor Palmetto Health, the state's largest health care system. Richland County Treasurer David Adams, Retired Chaplain Thomas Summers and Mr. Vince Ford were just some the dignitaries who participated in the program.

The Beauty of it All

Jayne Kennedy Overton has roots in Winnsboro, SC. Her father was the sister of Irene Singleton, a former employee of the local mental health center and namesake of an award that is given annually to an SCDMH clerical staff.



Jane was crowned Miss Ohio, USA in 1970, the first African American to win the title and she was one of the top finishers in that year's Miss USA Pageant. She went on to have a successful career in television and film. The December 10, 1987, edition of the State Newspaper reported that she came to Columbia for a Christmas meeting with the Action

Council for Cross-Cultural Mental Health.

Stress in the 21st Century – Part III: So Many Roles, So Little Time

Carol Apt, Ph.D., Former Action Council Board Member

We often have so many roles to fulfill that sometimes we might find ourselves in inter-role conflict. In inter-role conflict the demands of two or more roles may be incompatible or contradictory, forcing us to choose one set of responsibilities over another. Let's take the example of a single

working mom who wakes up one morning to find that her child is too sick to go to school. If she misses work to stay home with him she's going to lose a day's pay, which she cannot afford. Her role as mother is now in direct conflict with her role as employee, requiring her to decide whether to stay home or try to find a day care center that will accept a child with a fever, which few do. Because she hasn't yet learned to bi-locate, she can't be in two places at the same time and must choose between two primordial responsibilities – that of mother and that of employee. I see this kind of inter-role conflict all the time with student/athletes. The demands of being on a college football team, for example, are often in conflict with the responsibilities of being a student. Football players often have to practice at the same times that they have classes. When they travel to away games they might miss a considerable number of classes. Their roles as athlete compete with their role as students. The more roles we have, the more likely it is that we could encounter inter-role conflict.



Sometimes we are in roles that we don't want to occupy, but for a variety of reasons, we can't get out of. This type of stress is called

role captivity. For example, I would assume that many of us know how it feels to be stuck in a job that we don't like but can't quit just yet. This can cause stress, as we might find ourselves in jobs in which we are not respected or valued, or that don't make use of our natural talents and abilities.

Sometimes the demands of an undesired job require us to express attitudes or engage in behaviors that are incompatible with who we are as individuals. Some of us can go with the flow, so to speak, while others might find being trapped in a role we don't want or don't like to be extremely stressful. Sometimes students choose a major that turns out to be the wrong one for them, but if they switch to the major they really want they'll end up adding a year or more to their undergraduate careers, thereby losing their financial aid. That's a tough situation; they often feel so stressed because they feel trapped.

People who are in relationships they want to get out of but can't because of financial or other considerations may feel trapped. The more roles and experiences we have the more likely it will be that at some point we may find ourselves in a role that we'd like to get out of but can't. In Part IV I'll consider some of the ways that people may have to mitigate the effects of stress.

Meet Our New Board Members



Lindsey Grace Perrit is the Strategic Partnership Coordinator for SC Thrive, a non-profit organization located in Columbia whose goal is to lead South Carolinians to stability by providing innovative and efficient access to quality of life resources. Lindsey previously worked as a Population Health Improvement Specialist with the South Carolina Hospital Association and the Alliance for a Healthier South Carolina. Lindsey is a graduate of Wofford College and she noted "As a Spanish major and Presidential Scholar, I had the unique experience of studying

abroad for two semesters and an interim, visiting eight Latin American countries over the course of my four years at Wofford College. In addition to my Spanish major, I completed the Latin American Studies program and Gender Studies Programs. My studies on campus and internationally, as well as the opportunities provided by the Bonner Scholarship, allowed me to learn from a multitude of people who often live socially and economically on the margins of society. I learned that my life's passion and work is to reduce structural inequality and systemic oppression." We welcome Lindsey and look forward to her contributions.



Freda King has been employed with SC Vocational Rehabilitation Department since June 17, 1994. During her tenure with the

Department, she has held many positions – Counselor, Project Supervisor, Consultant, Area Development Specialist, and Administrator for the Comprehensive Center. Currently, she is the Director of Community Relations.

Freda began her work with the agency for professional reasons. As her journey progresses, and she worked with clients with a variety of disabilities including severe and persistent mental illness, her journey became personal and is now considered a ministry. Working with the disability community in many aspects has been a rewarding experience. She is eager to assist the Action Council for Cross-Cultural Mental Health and Human Services in any capacity she is needed. Freda obtained her Master's Degree in Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling from SC State University in 1993. She completed the certificate program – Psychiatric Rehabilitation at the University of South Carolina, Columbia in 2008. She enjoys working with persons with disabilities and carrying out her agency's mission to prepare and assist eligible South Carolinians with disabilities to achieve and maintain competitive employment." We welcome Freda and look forward to her contributions.

Manhood/Womanhood Training: Building Character, Captivating our Youth for Tomorrow's Generation

In 1987, Rev. George P. Windley Sr., pastor of Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church in Manning met with local church and community leaders and organized a training event for boys. This event expanded over the years to include girls. The Manhood/Womanhood Training program is based on a manual designed by O'Neal Smalls his childhood friend and fellow graduate of Whittemore High School in Horry

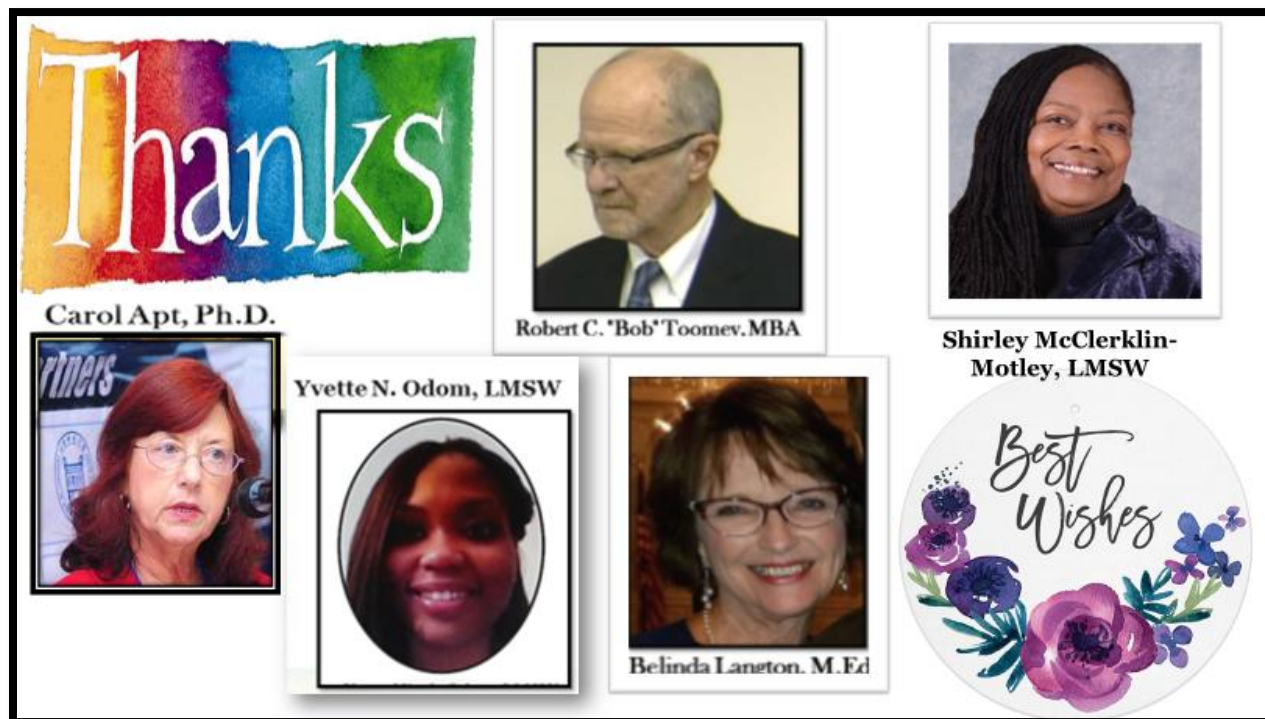


Rev. George Windley, Carl Jones, Ph.D & Ernest Shaw, LMSW

County. Smalls is retired from USC School of Law. Rev. Windley was the recipient of the Grace Brooks-Palmer Humanitarian award in 2016. Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church held its 29th annual Manhood and Womanhood Training at the church and at Manning High School. Ernest Shaw, LMSW, and Carl Jones, Ph.D., members of the Board of Directors of the Action Council spoke on the topics of "How a Young Man Should Treat a Young Lady" and "Preparing for College." Collaboration between the Action Council and organizations such as Rev. Windley's can exponentially increase our ability to sponsor events to address issues affecting vulnerable populations.

Thanks for your Service

Five of our board members left during the past year. Yvette Nicole Odom, LMSW served briefly before leaving after her selection to participate as a Social Work Fellow in the Intensive In-Home Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Service program at the Child Study



Center at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut. We thank Yvette for her service and we wish her well as she continues her preparation to work with children and families exposed to trauma.

Shirley McClerklin-Motley, Associate Professor of Social Work at Coker College, graduated from Benedict College and earned a master's degree at the University of South Carolina. She is currently pursuing a doctorate degree. During her tenure with us she received the new Social Work Educator of the Year Award from SC Chapter of NASW and was presented the 2015 Director's Community Leadership Award by then FBI Director James B. Comey.

Belinda Langton recently retired as the Human Resources Development Director for the SC Vocational Rehabilitation Department. She was employed with the agency since 1991. Belinda made numerous contributions to our organization and she was a faithful board member. She was honored as the winner of the 2015 Otis A. Corbitt Leadership and Community Service Award. We wish Belinda and husband Tony and family much happiness during her retirement.

Bob Toomey earned an MBA Degree and he worked for several agencies of our state beginning in 1974. He recently retired as Director of the state's Alcohol and Drug treatment agency. Mr. Toomey has been a supporter of our effort for decades. He served as a frequent presenter at educational events and willingly allowed his staffers to

collaborate with us. We thank him for his service and we wish him much happiness during his retirement.

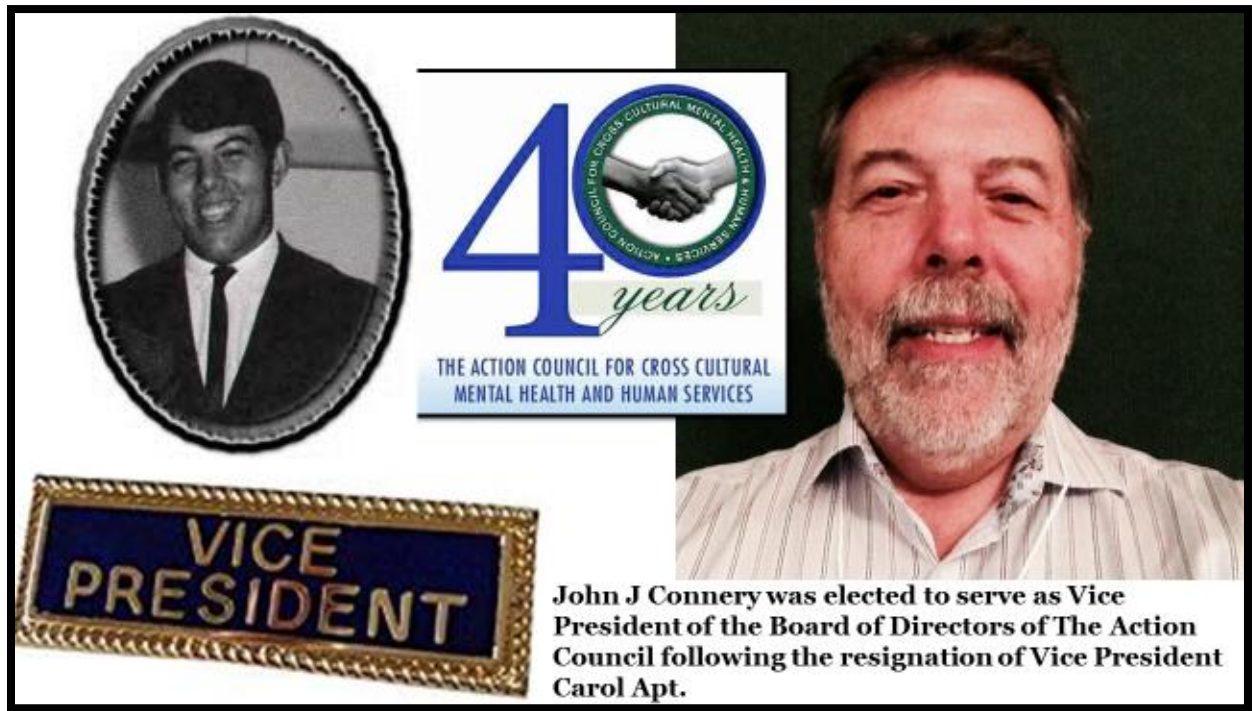
Carol Apt, Ph.D. Professor of Sociology at South Carolina State University. She received an undergraduate degree in sociology from Indiana University and her Ph.D. in sociology from Northeastern University. She also has a certificate of French studies from Ecole Lemania in Lausanne, Switzerland. A frequent presenter at international conferences she also found time to speak at our educational events. Carol was a valuable member of our board and was Vice President at the time of her departure. She was a prolific researcher and writer and she frequently contributed her work to this publication. We thank Carol for all that she contributed to our effort and wish her nothing but success in her future endeavors.

News Worth Knowing

Johnese Bostic, Employee Wellness Coordinator at S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control, and a member of the Action Council Board of Directors, served as



the President of the South Carolina Public Health Association during 2017.



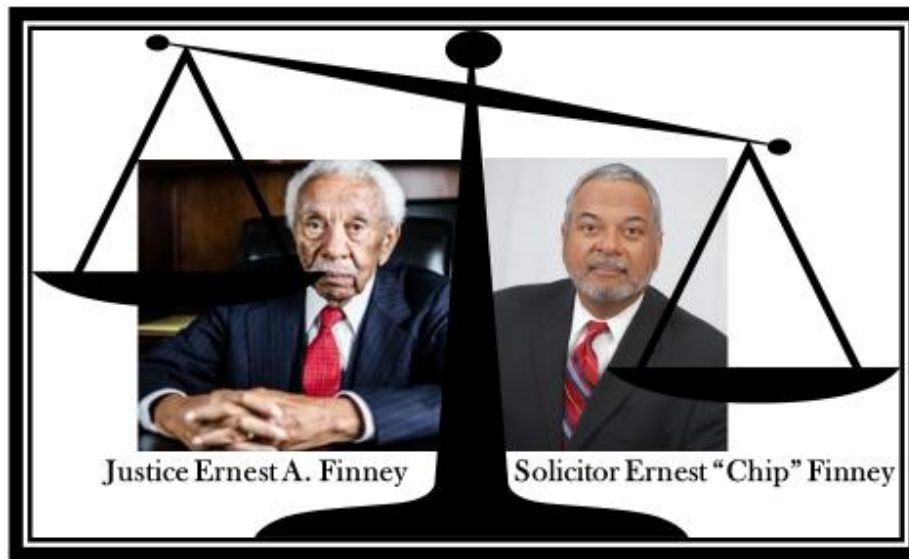
Judge Finney passed this way

Ernest Shaw, LMSW

Ernest A. Finney Jr. was born in Virginia. His mother died ten days later. Finney came to South Carolina when his father took a job at Claflin College in Orangeburg. He graduated from Claflin in 1952 and enrolled at the short-lived SC State Law School, an institution created by the state rather than allow black students attend the University of SC Law School. Even after obtaining the law degree, he had few opportunities to practice law. For several years he taught school at Whittemore High School in Conway while waiting tables at the restaurant at Myrtle Beach's Ocean Forest Hotel at night. The first time he attended a meeting of the State Bar Association was as a waiter. When he was able to begin to practice law in Sumter, he forged a remarkable career in civil rights.

In 1961 Finney represented eight black students at Rock Hill's Friendship Junior College who were arrested along with a Claflin College graduate for sitting at a segregated lunch counter at McCrory's 5-10-25 Cent Variety Store in Rock Hill. The eight students were all graduates of the city's black Emmitt Scott High School. This is the school that produced Moses Rabb Jr. a figure in the early history of our organization. The students were found guilty by Rock Hill City Judge Billy Hayes and sentenced to fines or 30 days at hard labor on the York County Prison Farm despite Finney's argument. The students, since known as the Friendship Nine, chose to go to prison and their action was another step along the road to civil rights.

In 1972 Finney was one of the first African-Americans elected to the S.C. Legislature since Reconstruction. Four years later, he became the state's first black circuit judge and he joined the Supreme Court nine years later, to become the first black South Carolinian to sit on the high court since Jonathan Jasper Wright left the bench in 1877. He was an associate Supreme Court Justice until 1994 when he became the first African-American chief justice where he played a pivotal role in the suit regarding “minimally adequate education” for our students. Justice Finney retired in 2000. He served on Claflin College’s Board of Trustees for two decades and in 2002-2003 he served as interim president of SC State University.



One of the enduring legacies of Justice Finney is his son Ernest “Chip” Finney who in 1980 earned a Law Degree from the University of South Carolina, the institution that his father was not allowed to attend a generation earlier. He practiced law with his father in Sumter and in 2004 was elected Municipal Judge for the City of Columbia. In 2010 he

was elected Solicitor for the district that includes Clarendon, Sumter, Lee and Williamsburg Counties.

In 1944, fourteen-year-old George Stinney, a black boy from Clarendon County was executed soon after his conviction for murder in a trial in which he was provided virtually no legal counsel. This was one of the landmark legal cases in our history. For decades, advocates for Stinney sought to overturn his conviction. Ironically, as Solicitor, it was Ernest “Chip” Finney’s duty to argue the state’s case that Stinney’s conviction was valid under the legal system as it existed in 1944. In December of 2014, more than 70 years after Stinney’s execution, a judge vacated his conviction.

A little more than a month later, and more than a half-century after their conviction, the surviving members of the Friendship Nine were back in court. They were represented by retired Justice Ernest Finney Jr., their lawyer from 1961. The presiding judge was Judge John C. Hayes III, the nephew of Judge Billy Hayes who presided over the original trial. “We cannot rewrite history, but we can right history,” Judge Hayes said as he overturned the 1961 convictions.

Despite their many accomplishments and busy schedules, Justice and Solicitor Finney often contributed their considerable knowledge, experiences, and reputations to the educational efforts of the Action Council by regularly speaking to our audiences. I have had the privilege of meeting and talking with both of these gentlemen and I now recall that I actually met both at Action Council events.

Judge Finney died on December 3, 2017, and his life’s work drew praise from many quarters. Action Council Board Member Willie Bethune told a local television station that Justice Finney had been a mentor to him over the last 40 years. “He was there for those whose voices had been

muted over the years from racial pressure and all kinds of injustice. Ernest Finney stood for the little man. Everybody was somebody around him. He was just an extraordinary individual.”

Julius Jones Retires From Columbia Area Mental Health Center



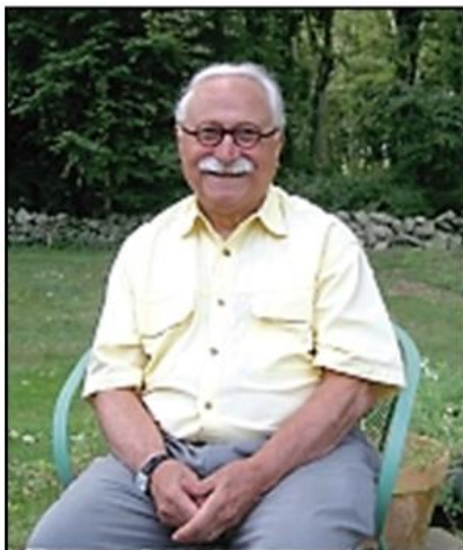
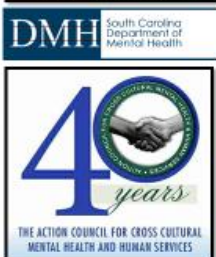
Julius P. Jones a member of the Board of Directors of the Action Council was a social worker at Columbia Area Mental Health Center where he was recognized as Employee of the Year for Columbia Area Mental Health Center and the SC Department of Mental Health several years ago. Julius directed the Mental Health Court in Richland County and Mental Health Services at the Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center in Richland County. He also served as a board member of the National Alliance on Mental Health Mid-Carolina and the Greater Columbia Human Relations Council. He is a deacon at Beauty Hill Baptist Church and a councilman for the town of North, SC. Julius is retiring from his day job at Columbia Area Mental Health Center.

Shirley Furtick Retires

Shirley D. Furtick, LMSW, a longtime employee of SC Department of Mental Health and Veterans Administration has retired. Shirley spent years ensuring that mentally ill offenders had access to mental health care. She served as President of the Board of Directors of The Action Council and she was a frequent presenter at our educational events. Shirley recently retired from the Veterans Administration where she served as Justice Outreach Coordinator at the Dorn VA Hospital. We wish Julius and Shirley much happiness in retirement.



Dr. Joseph Bevilacqua dies in Rhode Island



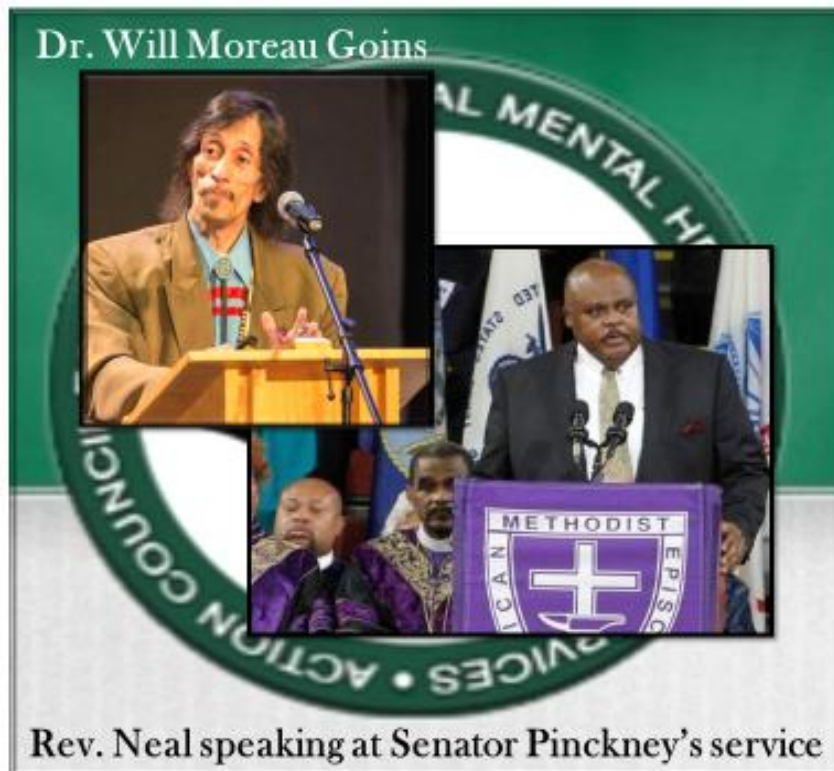
Dr. Joseph Bevilacqua served as State Commissioner of Mental Health in Rhode Island and Virginia prior to his appointment as Commissioner of Mental Health for South Carolina where he served from 1985-1995. He was an ardent supporter of the Cross-Cultural Conference. Dr. Bevilacqua died in Little Compton, Rhode Island on February 18, 2017 while the 39th Annual Cross Culture was in session. It is fitting

that his family requested that memorials be made to the Southern Poverty Law Center.

Passing of Those Who Gave

Dr. Will Moreau Goins participated in the Grace Brooks Palmer Convocation Panel Discussion to open the 2017 conference and SC State Representative Joe Neal was scheduled to participate in Criminal Justice and Reentry Discussion Panel on the conference's second day. Tragically Representative Neal, an ardent supporter of the conference died the night prior to the start of the conference. He was a minister who served in the legislature from 1993 until his death. Rev. Neal supported environmental causes and worked tirelessly on behalf of the rural poor. Republican

majority leader Gary Simrill called him a "moving speaker, caring colleague, and gentle giant." We at the Cross-Cultural Conference have known that for years. His death is a great loss for our organization and our state. The South Carolina Public Health Association presented the 2017 Legislator of the Year Award to Representative Neal posthumously in October. Johnese Bostic, a member of the Action Council Board of Directors, served as the President of the South Carolina Public Health Association during 2017. We are proud of her service.



Dr. Will Moreau Goins was educated at The George Washington University Columbian College of Arts & Sciences and Pennsylvania State University. He worked in communications, Journalism, education, cultural anthropology, diversity, multicultural programming, American Indian tribal affairs, and the arts for almost 30 years. Dr. Goins worked as a freelance correspondent for numerous magazines and newspapers. He worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and he was perhaps the premier Native American leader in the southeastern United States. He also served as the president of Interfaith Partners of South Carolina

an organization whose goal is "to educate, encourage and empower people from diverse religious traditions to build bridges of understanding, dignity, and respect." Dr. Will Moreau Goins died on November 11, 2017.

McKissick Museum Executive Director Jane Przybysz wrote: “I don’t know anybody any more passionate about advocacy on behalf of Native Americans — history, culture, ways of knowing, ways of being — than Will.” We are grateful for the contributions of Dr. Goins and Representative Neal. They will be greatly missed.

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