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Candidate for ACA Governing Council



Seth Hayden is an associate professor of counseling at Wake Forest University. He previously served as a career advising and counseling program director in a large university career center. He has taught career development courses to undergraduate and graduate students.

Seth served on the NCDA executive board as the Trustee for Counselor Educators and Researchers and President from 2020 – 21. Additional leadership within the organization involved co-chairing the research committee and the Commission on Counselor Education. He currently serves as

associate editor of *The Career Development Quarterly*, the flagship journal of NCDA. He previously served as president of the Military and Government Counseling Association, a division of the American Counseling Association.

He co-authored two NCDA monographs (i.e., *Group Career Counseling*, *Career Development for Transitioning Veterans*) and has written in several NCDA publications such as *Career Developments*, *Career Convergence*, and the *Career Development Quarterly*. He is also the author of *Integrating Career Development and Mental Health Counseling*, published by the American Counseling Association. He co-edited *Cognitive Information Processing: Career Theory, Research, and Practice*.

He was recognized as *The Professional Counselor* Outstanding Scholar in Concept/Theory, co-authored the *Career Development Quarterly* Outstanding Article of the Year, and was recognized by the Military and Government Counseling Association with the Award of Excellence in and as the Professional of the Year.

Goal Statement:

The relationship between NCDA and the American Counseling Association is at a critical crossroads. NCDA is a foundational organization of ACA and has evolved as an array of career professionals have joined the association. My experience as a career practitioner, counselor, and educator offers a perspective on the unique identity of those who provide career-focused support. One of NCDA's strengths is the diverse richness of our members' experiences, identities, and talents. This diversity is essential to the organization's vibrancy and the future of our relationship with ACA. My leadership experience in NCDA and other counseling professional organizations will enable me to consider the multiple viewpoints of ACA members while advocating for the needs of NCDA. As the largest division of ACA, NCDA has a vital role in shaping the future of ACA. I hope to contribute to a positive future for the organization within the larger counseling profession.