

2012 AzCA Spring Conference Speakers and Bio's

Kyle Penniman, MSW, LISAC, CADAC, ICADC, is the founder and CEO of Stonewall Institute located in Phoenix, Arizona. Stonewall Institute provides outpatient behavioral health services to individuals, families, and groups with a specific emphasis in meeting the needs of Maricopa County's LGBTQ community. Kyle has a Master of Social Work (MSW) degree from Arizona State University, and is independently licensed through the Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Examiners. In addition, he holds various substance abuse credentials at the state, national, and international level.

Julian Melson, is an LGBTQ Training Facilitator for Stonewall Institute. He has been an active member of the Phoenix LGBTQ community for over 20 years, and in 2010 received the John Bircumshaw Spirit *Award* from Phoenix Pride for his contribution to the community. He's been featured on the cover of Echo Magazine for his contribution to local LGBTQ youth and was selected as the lead actor for the 2012 Desperado Film Festival featured trailer. Julian provides LGBTQ Cultural Competency throughout the state of Arizona.

Yola Ghammashi, M.A. is a Clinical Therapist with the IRC and a licensed Mental Health Counselor in private practice, where she has counseled individuals and families from over 40 countries. Prior to joining the IRC, Yola taught Psychology and Culture courses at Mesa Community College.

Having lived in the Middle East, North Africa, South America, Europe, Mexico, and the US; Yola brings a rich and diverse background to her profession as a therapist.

Karim F Moabi, MA, LASAC (ca) in AZ, Associate MFT in CA.

After working as a counselor in Catholic Charities' Refugee department for three years, Karim is now their Coordinator of Mental Health Resources. Karim manages Catholic Charities' Survivor of Torture Program, providing case management for SOT clients and more challenging medical / psychological refugee cases, with a focus on Iraqi clients given his Arabic language fluency.

Karim is currently receiving training in Harvard's Refugee Trauma Program and is a certified Leader for Stanford's Chronic Disease Management Workshop. He also frequently lectures on culture and culturally-appropriate counseling at Paradise Valley Community College and Ottawa University.

Dr. G. Miguel Arciniega, Ph.D. is presently an Associate Professor in the Program of Counseling and Counseling Psychology at Arizona State University in the School of Letters and Sciences. He has authored over 37 articles and book chapters in national and professional journals including a book on Parenting Models and Mexican Americans. His work focuses on cultural issues with multicultural populations and multicultural counseling. He has consulted and presented workshops throughout the country at professional conferences, mental health groups, and various educational and business sectors on diversity, multicultural counseling, communication, Family Counseling, Issues in parenting, and Latinos issues. He has served on several editorial boards of state and national journals, as well as served on several state and local community boards. He has also served on several American Counseling Association Committees and belongs to several Divisions in ACA. He is former Vice President for the Association of Multicultural Counseling & Development (AMCD) Latino Concerns. He was a Governor's appointee to the State Board of Behavioral Health and Counseling Certification Board. Dr. Arciniega has

received the College of Education Faculty Diversity and Service Awards, the Association of Multicultural Development Cesar Chavez Award and Exemplary Leadership Award, and Distinguished Professional for the National Latina/o Psychological Association, and ACA's Division of Social Justice OHANA award. He has taught courses in Prevention and Consultation, Multicultural Counseling, Marriage & Family Therapy, Couples Therapy, Personality Theories, Counseling Latinos, Community Mental Health Counseling, Internship, School Counseling and Practicum.

German A. Cadenas is a doctoral student in the counseling psychology program at Arizona State University. His area of interest is multicultural counseling and ethnic-minority issues in education. He is a founding member of a local advocacy group for undocumented students. He has worked on advocating for the passage of the DREAM Act at the local and national level. He has also been a public speaker on access to education for undocumented students. As a formerly undocumented student, he has first-hand experience and understands the impact of the immigration issue on individuals, families, and groups.