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Stacey Diane Aranez Litam Awarded \$20,000 Counseling Fellowship From NBCC and Affiliates

Lakewood, OH—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), recently selected Stacey Diane Aranez Litam, of Lakewood, Ohio, for the National Board for Certified Counselors Minority Fellowship Program (NBCC MFP). As an NBCC MFP Fellow, Litam will receive funding and training to support her education and facilitate her service to underserved minority populations.



The NBCC MFP is made possible by a grant first awarded to NBCC by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) in August 2012. The Foundation is contracted by NBCC to administer the NBCC MFP, as well as training and collaboration activities, such as [webinars](#), that are open to all National Certified Counselors (NCCs). The goal of the program is to strengthen the infrastructure that engages diverse individuals in counseling and increases the number of professional counselors providing effective, culturally competent services to underserved populations.

The NBCC MFP will distribute \$20,000 to Litam and the 22 other doctoral counseling students selected to receive the fellowship award. Litam is a graduate of John Carroll University, in University Heights, Ohio, and is currently a doctoral student in the counselor education and supervision program at Kent State University, in Ohio. Litam is currently pursuing research on human sex trafficking and hopes to develop offender typologies that increase early prevention efforts. Her research areas also include LGBT issues in counseling, integrating creative interventions with diverse populations, and Asian-American experiences in academia and supervision. She currently works at a Northeast Ohio agency where her client population includes survivors of human sex trafficking, persons with addictions and underserved minorities. Litam will soon begin her doctoral internship in the Cleveland State University department of counseling, administration, supervision and adult learning. She is eager to connect with her students and instill an appreciation for diversity, integrity and ethics. As a recipient of the fellowship Litam will continue her professional development, foster mentorship relationships, and disseminate research through conferences and scholarly writing.

The Foundation plans to open the next NBCC MFP application period in September 2016. To learn more about the NBCC MFP and its fellows, please visit www.nbccf.org/Programs/Fellows.

ABOUT THE NBCC FOUNDATION

The NBCC Foundation is the nonprofit affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), based in Greensboro, North Carolina. NBCC is the nation's premier professional certification board devoted to credentialing counselors who meet standards for the general and specialty practices of professional counseling. Currently, there are more than 60,000 National Certified Counselors in the United States and more than 50 countries. The Foundation's mission is to leverage the power of counseling by strategically focusing resources for positive change.

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