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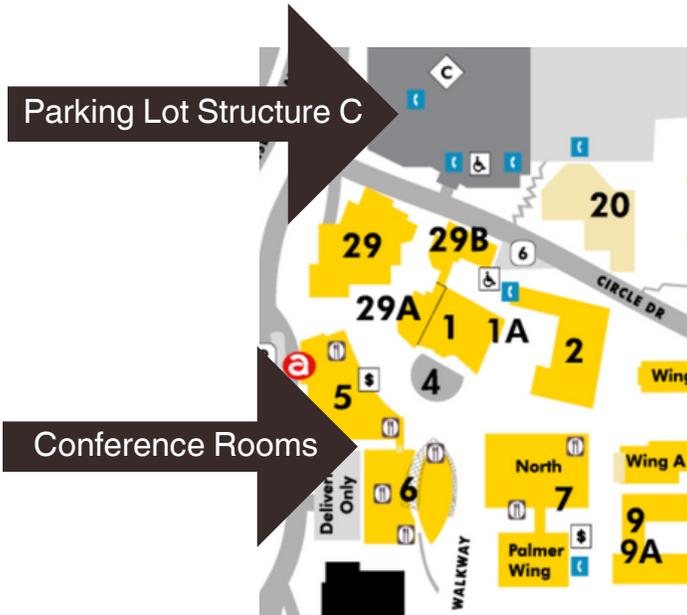
*Empowering Communities to Serve:
Training and Mentorship*

March 14, 2025

The annual Mental and Behavioral Health Conference, hosted by Cal State LA, is a training and professional development opportunity focusing on innovative theory, research, and evidence-based practice. This conference emphasizes the need for collaborative practice to support the successful behavioral and mental health needs of individuals across the lifespan.

LOCATION & PARKING

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California State University, Los Angeles
5151 State University Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90032

8:30-9:00am

Check-in and Registration

Welcome &
Keynote

**"The Power of Partnership:
Unlocking Potential of Black and Brown Professionals
Through Culturally Responsive Mentorship"**

9:00-10:00 am

-Dr. Denice Rios & Dr. Ramar Henderson

**SAVE
TRAINING
and
SPEAKER
PANEL**

V.A. SAVE Training: Supporting Veterans in Crisis

*-Mr. Brandon Hervey, MSW, LCSW**-Speaker Panel: Joel Ramirez, Roberto Alvarez, Esmeralda Martinez, Jessica Galvan Rivas.*

**LUNCH
12:10-1:00 pm**

Lunch

**Breakout 1
1:10-2:00pm**

**Mentoring Through Feedback:
Beginning Teachers'
Preparation to Work with
Diverse Students
With Disabilities**

-Han Lee, Anna Osipova, Ph.D., Samriti Mona, Ph.D.

**Mentoring as
Empowerment and
Readiness: A Student
Panel**

-Facilitated by Christiaan Kier

POSTER SESSIONS

**Breakout 2
2:10-3:00pm**

**Brain-Learning Connection:
Supporting Educators and
Families of Diverse Learners
with ADHD and Dyslexia**

*-Anna Osipova, Ph.D.,
Samriti Mona, Ph.D.,
Han Lee, M.A., ABD,
Tatev Sarkissyan, M.S., ABD*

**The Leadership Quadrant:
A Strategic Approach to
Leadership**

-Shannon Braasch, M.A.

**Paws for Support:
Integrating Animal-
Assisted Therapy in
School Settings for
Student and Staff
Wellbeing**

*-Emily J. Hernandez, LMFT, Ed.D.,
Jaime Goldfarb, Ph.D.*

**Breakout 3
3:10-4:00pm**

**Bridging Gaps: Training
Teachers in Supporting
Culturally and Linguistically
Diverse (CLD) Families of
Children with Disabilities**

*-Ricardo Hernandez, Ed.S., Jennyane Truong, M.S.Ed., Chanee McMillian, M.A.,
Amber Pope, M.A.,
Anna Osipova, Ph.D.*

**Fostering Psychological
Safety in Leadership:
A Key to Empowering
Black and Brown
Professionals**

*-Martinez Sellers, CEO,
Dr. Arease Edison, LMFT*

**Responsible Use of AI in
Mental and Behavioral
Health: Ethical
Considerations for
Practicum Students**

-Yesim Keskin, Ph.D., LMFT