Matthew L. Nice earned his Ph.D in Counselor Education and Supervision from Duquesne University, and is an Assistant Professor at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Matthew is a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) in Pennsylvania, a Nationally Certified Counselor (NCC), an Approved Clinical Supervisor (ACS), and a Certified School Counselor PreK-12. He previously served as a visiting professor at Marywood University in Scranton, PA. He has held a variety of leadership positions in the counseling profession. He has served as a leadership fellow for Chi Sigma Iota and a Counselor Education and Supervision Fellow for the Association of Counselor Education and Supervision. This past year, Matthew was invited by the Educational Testing Service (ETS) as one of 6 counselor educators in the country to redesign the content on the school counseling practice and write the items for the new edition of the exam. Matthew’s leadership promotes culturally inclusive practices that promotes social justice and advocates for

Pennsylvania’s marginalized populations.

He has served on the Pennsylvania Counseling Association (PCA) board for two years as the president of the Pennsylvania Association for Specialists in Group Work (PASGW) and was part of the PASGW leadership team which won the ASGW Outstanding State Branch Award. He was President of Chi Sigma Iota, Delta Upsilon Chapter at Duquesne University when the chapter was recognized as the top CSI nationally when they were awarded the 2018 Outstanding Large Chapter Award. His experience with Chi Sigma Iota includes co-chairing the 2019 CSI Statewide Conference at Duquesne University, serving as the Chapter Faculty Advisor for IUP’s CSI Chapter, Iota Upsilon Pi, and serving on the Chi Sigma Iota International Wellness Committee. Additionally, he serves as the Bylaws chair for the North Atlantic Region of ACES. Matthew has taught graduate courses at the doctoral and master’s levels in school counseling, clinical mental health, marriage and family, assessment and testing, group counseling, ethics, master’s research theory, and doctoral research design. He was awarded the 2019 Richard Duncan Student Memorial Resource Award for outstanding work in Duquesne’s counselor education program and with the 2020 Duquesne School of Education Distinguished Graduate Student Award for excellence in leadership, service, and education at the University.

He has shaped a research agenda around the topics of cultural identity, emerging adulthood development, school counseling college knowledge, and counselor wellness. He has also worked as a professional counselor in inner-city schools in Pittsburgh for several years. Matthew values counselor wellness, a commitment to social justice, and a strong counselor identity. If elected, he will continue the motion set fourth years ago at PCA to advocate for the rights of counselors and individuals in counseling services in Pennsylvania. He will continue the efforts with legislative efforts to advocate for these rights. He will build connection between all corners of the state to build a strong culturally informed counselor community in Pennsylvania. Matthew will also prioritize attention to the various ways Pennsylvania counseling has been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and help PCA navigate the effects of the pandemic.