

Kamiron (Kami) Ball

LICENSURE & CERTIFICATIONS

Licensed Professional Counselor-Supervisor (TX)	2024
Registered Play Therapist - Supervisor	2020
Licensed Professional Counselor-Supervisor (AR)	2020
National Certified Counselor	2017
Licensed Professional Counselor (AR)	2016

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Counselor Education & Supervision 2021- 2024

The University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS

- GPA: 3.99
- CACREP-Accredited program

M.S. Clinical Mental Health 2012-2014

Henderson State University, Arkadelphia, AR

- GPA: 4.0/4.0
- CACREP-Accredited program

B.A. Psychology 2008-2012

Henderson State University, Arkadelphia, AR

- G.P.A.: 3.39/4.0
- Student Undergraduate Research Fellow

Assistant Professor (Tenure Track) August 2026-present

Texas A&M University San Antonio, San Antonio, TX

- 3/3 Teaching load across CACREP CMHC curriculum
- Provides advising and mentorship to students

Clinical Assistant Professor August 2024-August 2026

University of North Texas, Denton, TX

- 3/3 Teaching load, across CACREP CMHC & school counseling curriculum and masters-doctoral students, averaging 4.46/5.0 median score on SPOT evals across 6 courses
- Provides advising, mentorship, and supervision to masters-doctoral students
- Engages in multiple service roles through department and college committees to foster collegiality, community, and student engagement
- Serves as instructional coordinator, preparing and staffing semester schedules across the program (16 full time faculty), recruiting and supporting adjuncts, maintaining CACREP ratios and university compliance

Instructor, Play Therapy Practicum Summer I & II 2023

University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS

- Provided case conceptualization, skills feedback, and content knowledge for play therapy students
- Conducted 25 hours of group supervision and course content in person and virtually in compliance with Association for Play Therapy standards

Teaching Assistant, Family Counseling, In Person Spring 2023

University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS

- Facilitated class discussion
- Utilized creative and experiential modalities to increase classroom engagement
- Independently lectured

Teaching Assistant, Crisis Counseling, Hybrid Winter 2023

University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS

- Utilized MindTap & Blackboard Learn
- Independently lectured on neurobiology, trauma, and attachment in crisis counseling

Teaching Assistant, Psychopharmacology, Online

Fall 2022

University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS

- Facilitated class discussion and group dynamics through Blackboard

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Play therapy, Online

Fall 2022

University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS

- Facilitated class discussion and group dynamics through Blackboard

Teaching Assistant, Play Therapy Residency

Summer 2022

University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS

- Facilitated group discussion on play therapy theory and practice
- Provided case conceptualization and supervision in accordance with APT guidelines
- Evaluated students' skill mastery

Adjunct Professor, Counseling Children & Adolescents

June 2017

Henderson State University, Arkadelphia, AR

- Prepared online and in class curriculum for graduate level course in compliance with CACREP-accreditation standards & Institution for Play Therapy accreditation standards
- Instructed 10+ graduate level students on play therapy counseling theories and techniques

RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS

Winburn, A., Winburn, J., Ball, K. & Harrington, B. (2026). Examining the Influence of Family Resilience on Adverse Childhood Experiences. *The Family Journal*.

Tran, K., & Perryman, M. (2024). Attachment Informed Gatekeeping. *Cases on Trauma Informed Gatekeeping in Counselor Education* (eds) Hurless, N. & Davis, L. IGI Global Scientific Publishing.

Perpecizka, M. & **Tran, B.K.** (2024). Mini-Practice in Applying Play Therapy Techniques Adapted to Telemental Health. *Teaching Telementalhealth Counseling*. American Counseling Association.

Lenz, A.S., Pester, D., **Tran, B.K.**, & Buckwalter, B. (2023). A Non-Inferiority Evaluation of Standard and Abbreviated Developmental Trauma and Adjustment Programming for Adopted and Foster Youth in Residential Care. *Residential treatment for children and youth*.

GRANT & COMMUNITY BASED RESEARCH

Research & Doctoral Assistant, Bolivar County Needs Assessment, Bolivar County Medical Center Foundation. PI: Dr. Anne Cafer, Dr. Megan Rosenthal, & Natalie, Minton, Community First Research Center for Well-being & Creative Achievement (CREW), University of Mississippi, Spring-Summer II 2023

Research & Doctoral Assistant, Tele-mental health play-based therapy to high-risk children and adolescents, Kellogg Foundation. PI: Dr. Richard S. Balkin, Dr. Amanda Winburn, & Dr. Megan Rosenthal, Leadership & Counselor Education, University of Mississippi, Fall 2022

Coleman, M., **Tran, K.**, Springfield, J., Neal, S., Stewart, K., Sobrino, M., Watson, C. & Alqahtani, S. Pontotoc County Needs Assessment, Mississippi Care Partnership. PI: Dr. Rachel Scott, Leadership & Counselor Education, University of Mississippi, Spring 2022

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Silveus, S., Bassir, A., & **Tran, K.** (2025). Ethical Use of Self-Disclosure in a Multicultural Classroom. *The Association for Counselor Education & Supervision Conference*. (Philadelphia, PA).

Tran, K.B. (2025). Safe Spaces, Joyful Faces: The Role of Play in Healing Trauma. (Whole Child Wellness in Early Childhood Conference. (Growing Healthy Minds & Bodies) (A Kellogg Foundation Project). University of Mississippi.

Tran, K., Bishop, J., Huske, L. (2025). Deconstructing Attachment Styles: Utilizing Social Determinants of Health to Inform Teaching & Training Practices. *Counselors for Social Justice conference*. (San Juan, Puerto Rico).

Miller, A. **Tran, K.**, Hundal, K. (2025). *Navigating Legislative Barriers while Maintaining CACREP Standards*. (2025). *Counselors for Social Justice conference*. (San Juan, Puerto Rico).

Tran, K. (2025). *Attachment Informed Supervision in Play Therapy: Ethical Considerations*. Texas Association for Play Therapy. (Houston, TX).

Tran, K. (2023). A Conceptual Review of Attachment Informed Supervision & Best Ethical Practices. *The Association for Counselor Education & Supervision Conference*. (Denver, CO).

Lusk Smith, S. & **Tran, K.** (2023). Trauma, Attachment, & Substance Use Disorder: Using Biology to Inform Training & Treatment. *NAADAC, The Association for Addiction Professionals*. (Denver, CO).

Association for Assessment & Research in Counseling Diversity, Inclusion & Social Justice Graduate Student Subcommittee. (2023). Inclusive Language for Demographics Forms: A Project by the AARC Diversity, Inclusion, and Social Justice Graduate Student Subcommittee. *Association for Assessment & Research in Counseling Conference*. (Nashville, TN).

Tran, K. (2023). The mental health effects of fatphobia. *Woodall Conference*. Delta State University (Cleveland, MS).

Tran, K. & Balkin, R.S. (2022). The effects of tele-mental health counseling with children and adolescents in rural communities. *Association for Assessment & Research in Counseling* (St. Louis, MO).

Tran, K.B. & Hudspeth, F. (2021). Is there a Place for Touch in Counseling: The Ethics of It All. *Law & Ethics Conference*. University of Holy Cross (New Orleans, LA).

Ball K. (2014). Counselor Roles, Relationships, & Strategies for the Treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorders, *Arkansas Counseling Association Conference* (Hot Springs, AR).

Ball, K. (2013). Filial Therapy, *Arkansas Counseling Association Conference* (Hot Springs, AR).

Ball, K., Story, H., & Hudspeth, F. (2013). Counselor Religiosity and Empathy in Counseling LGBTQIA Clients, *Arkansas Counseling Association Conference* (Hot Springs, AR).

Ball, K. & Ahmad, A. (2012). The Mnemonic Advantages of Using Transfers, Breaches, & Transfer-Breaches, *Southwestern Psychological Association* (Oklahoma City, OK).

Ball, K. & Ahmad, A. (2012) The Mnemonic Advantages of Using Transfers, Breaches, & Transfer-Breaches, Arkansas Symposium for Psychology Students (Conway, AR).

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Therapist/Owner	February 2020-Present
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The Healing Place Therapies, Little Rock, AR & Texas

- Established a privately-owned practice
- Developed competitive and collaborative referral base
- Provides supervision to RPT therapists
- Supports local businesses and community members through psychoeducation
- Provides evidence-based therapy to children, adolescents and adults

Mental Health Supervisor	January 2019-January 2020
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Pediatrics Plus Counseling & Diagnostics, Little Rock, AR

- Created policy and procedure to attain CARF national certification
- Guided the company through a state-wide transition to Managed Care
- Established outpatient therapy services as well as preschool/developmental therapy services
- Supervised a team of 3-5 mental health professionals, in four different treatment settings
- Provided training and psychoeducation to interdisciplinary preschool staff members (teachers, occupational therapists, speech therapists, physical therapists, and program directors 50-100+ employees) and parents

Therapist	August 2017-May 2018
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Bryant School District, Bryant, AR

- Provided counseling services in school-based setting for special education and general education students
- Educated staff members and parents in disability accommodations and made appropriate recommendations
- Provided group therapy to special education students to improve social-emotional competencies

Therapist	February 2017-December 2018
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Chenal Family Therapy, Little Rock, AR

- Provided psychoeducation to physicians, Child Protective Service employees, foster parents, and community members regarding evidence-based treatment interventions for children and adolescents (groups of 20-100+)
- Coordinated care with outside professionals (physicians, psychiatrists, psychologists, and attorneys) to provide holistic treatment

Mental Health Professional	February 2015-April 2017
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The Pointe Behavioral Health, Bryant, AR

- Utilized play therapy techniques (child-centered, sand tray, tracking, and CPRT) to improve parent-child relationships
- Created an evidence-based protocol (used clinic wide) for group therapy to decrease symptomology and increase family involvement
- Supervised case managers to provide collaborative care

CLINICAL SPECIALIZATIONS

Interpersonal Neurobiology, Nurturing the Heart Institute	2022
Tech Assisted Specialization	2020
Supervision Specialization	2020
Level I Theraplay	2019
Level I & II EMDR	2016

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP & ADVOCACY

Texas Counseling Association Leadership Institute	2025
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Texas Counseling Association, Austin TX

Member at Large, Texas Association for Assessment and Research Texas Counseling Association, Austin TX	2024
Senate Alternate, Texas Association for Assessment and Research Texas Counseling Association, Austin TX	2024
Co-Facilitator, Racial Healing Circle Growing Healthy Minds & Bodies, University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS	2023
Search Committee Member, Asst./Assoc. Clinical Professor in Play Therapy University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS	2023
Graduate Student Committee: Diversity Social Justice in Research Association for Assessment and Research in Counseling	2023
Chi Sigma Iota CPCE Study Sessions University of Mississippi, Oxford MS	2022-2023
DeSoto County Schools: Trunk or Treat DeSoto County Schools, Hernando, MS	2022
Documentation in Counseling: Practicum & Internship University of Mississippi, Oxford MS	2021-2022
Mindfulness in the Classroom: Practicum & Internship University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS	2021
Regulating Anxiety through Empathy & Connection Don Roberts PTO, Don Roberts Elementary, Little Rock, AR	2020
Are the Kids Okay? Returning to School in a Pandemic Second Presbyterian Church Youth Group, Little Rock, AR	2020
What About Self-Care? FRED Talk, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Little Rock, AR	2020
How to Parent in a Pandemic: Meeting Your Child's Emotional Needs Don Roberts PTO, Don Roberts Elementary, Little Rock, AR	2020
How to Parent in a Pandemic: Meeting Your Child's Emotional Needs Second Presbyterian Church, Youth Group, Little Rock, AR	2020
Speaking Your Child's Language: Understanding Behavior Don Roberts PTO, Don Roberts Elementary, Little Rock, AR	2020
Rupture & Repair: Understanding Attachment & Connection Parents Take Five Podcast, Second Presbyterian Church, Little Rock, AR	2019
Understanding Your Child's Language & Improving Communication Fred Talk, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Little Rock, AR	2019
Understanding Trauma & How it Affects Brain Development Department of Human Services State-Wide Training, Little Rock, AR	2018

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Faculty Advisor, Counselors for Social Justice, University of North Texas	2024-Present
Texas Counseling Association	2024-Present
Member at Large, Texas Counseling Association for Assessment and Research in Counseling	2024-Present
Association of Counselors for Social Justice	2022-Present
Association for Assessment and Research in Counseling	2022-Present
Association for Creativity in Counseling	2022-Present
Association for Child & Adolescent Counseling	2022-Present
Association for Counselor Education and Supervision	2022-Present
National Board for Certified Counselors	2017-Present
Association for Play Therapy	2014-Present
Arkansas Counseling Association	2013-Present