

Riley Drake

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| 2022 | Ph.D. in Social and Cultural Studies of Education, Iowa State University
Concentration in Education for Social Justice |
| 2018 | M.Ed. in Educational Leadership, Iowa State University
Concentration in PK-12 Educational Leadership |
| 2011 | M.S. in Counseling, Drake University
Concentration: K-12 School Counseling |
| 2008 | B.S. in Psychology, Truman State University
Magna Cum Laude |

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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| 2022- | Assistant Professor, Department of Counseling, Rehabilitation, and Human Services, University of Wisconsin-Stout, Menomonie, WI |
| 2020-2022 | Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Leadership and Counseling, Drake University, Des Moines, IA |

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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| 2022 | Graduate Teaching Assistant, Human Computer Interaction Graduate Program, Iowa State University, Ames, IA |
| 2019-2022 | Graduate Research Assistant, College of Engineering, Iowa State University, Ames, IA |
| 2019-2020 | Graduate Teaching Assistant, School of Education, Iowa State University, Ames, IA |
| 2019-2020 | Graduate Research Assistant, School of Education, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC |
| 2018-2021 | Graduate Research Assistant, School of Education, Iowa State University, Ames, IA |
| 2012-2018 | School and Family Counselor, Sawyer Elementary, Ames, IA |
| 2010-2011 | Graduate Research Assistant, School of Education, Drake University, Des Moines, IA |

- 2010-2011 AmeriCorps State of Promise, Team Leader, Centerville, IA
- 2009-2010 Child Advocate, Independent Child and Adult Services, Vinton, IA
- 2009 Interim Student Advisor, Centerville High School, Centerville, IA
- 2008 Undergraduate Research Assistant, Truman State University, Kirksville, MO

SCHOLARSHIP

Books Under Contract

Drake, R., & Oglesby, A. (Anticipated May 2026). *Abolition in school counseling: practicing liberation and community in PK-12 schools*. Equity & Social Justice in Education Series. Routledge.

Refereed Publications

Mayes, R., **Drake, R.**, & Kearl, B. (Accepted). Mapping joy, rage, and healing: restoring the humanity of twice exceptional urban students. *Urban Education*.

Springsteen-Haupt, M., & **Drake, R.** (In press). Both/and: an abolition feminist approach toward engaging contradictions in literacy education. *Language Arts*.

Mayes, R., **Drake, R.**, Cheatham, C., Dhahan, M., & Mitchell-Dodge, K. (In press). Tending to the whole child: Humanizing Black boys and young men through an abolitionist approach to #BlackBoyJoy and wellness. In E. M. Hines, S. Steen. & J. L. Moore, III (Eds). *Counseling Black males with excellence: exploring career, clinical, and school contexts*. Emerald Group Publishing Limited.

Drake, R., Mayes, R., Smith, A. *, & Lyberg, I. * (2025). "My vision isn't the only one": Visioning abolition in school counseling through arts-based exploration. *Journal for Social Action in Counseling and Psychology*.

Mayes, R., **Drake, R.**, Robertson, A., Cheatham, C., & Perez, B. (2025). Restorying our education: Black school counselors engaging and cultivating Black joy and resistance in P-12 schooling. *Black Educology Mixtape Journal*, 3(1), 14.

Drake, R., Mayes, R., Cheatham, C., & Simms, D. (2024). Refusing the master's tools: An abolition feminist approach to Career and Technical Education for Black girls. *Journal of Career and Technical Education*, 49(1), 60-74.

Mayes, R., **Drake, R.**, Hollins, S., & White, S. (2024). "We still find a way to smile": Black school counselors reclaiming Black joy and resistance. *Professional School Counseling*, 28(1).

Nelson, T., Poleacovschi, C., Appelgate, M., **Drake, R.**, Swalwell, K., Jackson, C., Svec, J., & Cetin, K. (2024). Making social justice central to construction engineering: Testing interventions for educating reflexive engineers. *Journal of Construction Engineering & Management*.

Drake, R., Oglesby, A., Amos, A., & Engelking, J. (2024). Toward the end of school counseling: Visionary possibilities for counselors to build and practice abolition in education. *Race Ethnicity and Education*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13613324.2024.2328263>

Drake, R. (2024). Unsettling calm and order: The paradoxical dynamics of a white elementary teacher's racialized carceral logics. *International Journal of Qualitative Studies in Education, Special Issue*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09518398.2024.2318276>

Kearl, B., Mayes, R., & **Drake, R.** (2023). Affirming Black Joy & Homeplace: A call to action for practitioner preparation programs. *Theory into Practice*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00405841.2023.2287676>

Drake, R., Poleacovschi, C., Faust, K., True-Funk, A., & Kaminsky, J. (2023). Civil engineers as avoidant actors: Using culturally relevant problem solving to enhance civil engineering students' critical action. *Journal of Engineering Education*. <https://doi.org/10.1002/jee.20507>

Drake, R., & Rodriguez, G. (2022). Nice to whom?: How Midwestern niceness undermines educational equity. *Berkeley Review of Education*. <https://doi.org/10.5070/B812153038>

Feinstein, S., Poleacovschi, C., **Drake, R.**, and Winters, L. (2022). Refuge in Europe? Syrian refugee integration experiences in Germany, France, and Switzerland. *Journal of International Migration and Integration*, 1-28. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12134-021-00929-8>

Drake, R., & Oglesby, A. (2020). Humanity is not a thing: Disrupting white supremacy in K-12 social emotional learning. *Journal of Critical Thought and Praxis*, 10(1), 1-22. <https://doi.org/10.31274/jctp.11549>

Practitioner Publications

Drake, R. (2023, January). Solidarity as social and emotional safety in the classroom. *Learning for Justice*. <https://www.learningforjustice.org/magazine/solidarity-as-social-and-emotional-safety>

Book Chapters

Drake, R. (2024). Dreaming communities of care: Radical world-building with abolitionist organizers toward our students' heartwholeness. In Ross, F., & Malone, L. (Eds). *Decolonizing classroom management: a critical examination of the cultural assumptions and norms in traditional practices*. Rowman & Littlefield.

Community Publications

The Abolitionist School Counseling Collective. (2024). [We keep us safe: moving from school counseling to abolitionist counseling in schools](#) [Zine].

Manuscripts Under Review

Mayes, R., **Drake, R.**, Falco, L., Figueroa Peras, A., Mehta, N., & Lee, S. (Under review). Resisting erasure in career development: centering twice exceptional Black students in abolitionist community futures. *Journal of Advanced Academics*.

Drake, R., Falco, L., Mayes, R., & Tsai, Y-Y.* (Under review). Work is political: Teaching against racial capitalism in counselor education. *ACES Teaching Briefs*.

Drake, R., & Seawright, G. (Revise & resubmit). "When they give you freedom in the classroom": possibilities and limitations of abolitionist care in teacher and school counselor preparation. *International Journal of Qualitative Studies in Education*.

Welch-Deal, M., **Drake, R.**, & Smith, A.* (Under review). "We take care of our people no matter what": Rural school counselors and resistance to organized abandonment. *The Rural Educator*.

Drake, R., Kearl, B., Mayes, R., & Tsai, Y-Y.* The top cop in school: how SEL functions as policing for white Christian nationalism and liberal reformist movements. *Taboo: The Journal of Culture and Education*.

Manuscripts in Preparation

Mayes, R., & **Drake, R.** Black joy across contexts.

Drake, R., & Polin, A. Impacts of federal silencing on justice-centered educators.

Drake, R., Kearl, B., & Wood, K. Crippling abolition: Critical neurodiverse advocacy pathways for school counseling. *Professional School Counseling*.

Drake, R., & Okoronta, N. Understanding, interpreting, and acting upon Wisconsin's mandatory reporting law.

*denotes graduate student co-author

MEDIA ENGAGEMENT AND PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

Outlook Magazine, "Leading the conversation: [Educators find creative workarounds to new laws that restrict what they can teach](#)." November 19, 2025.

Drake University School of Education LinkedIn, "[Riley Drake's advice to aspiring school counselors](#)." May 1, 2025.

The Conversation, "[Educators find creative workarounds to new laws that restrict what they can teach](#)." April 15, 2025.

CONFERENCES/CONVENINGS/INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Tsai, Y-Y., Oglesby, A., **Drake, R.**, & Mayes, R. (2026, March). *Perspectives on abolition in school counseling and research*. Evidence-Based School Counseling Conference, virtual.

Invited Guest Speaker, (2025, April). *Critical participatory action research*. Introduction to Qualitative Research, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

Drake, R. (2024, November). *Abolitionist school counseling: Partnerships for community-led movements for justice*. School Crisis Recovery & Renewal Leadership Fellowship 2024-2025, virtual.

Drake, R. & Welch-Deal, M. (2024, November). *School counselors & rural cultural wealth: exploring resistance to abandonment*. Wisconsin School Counselor Association Annual Conference, Wisconsin Dells, WI, United States.

Drake, R., & Oglesby, A. (2024, April). *"We're connected because we're connected": Counseling and organizing in shared struggle for abolition in schools*. American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, United States.

Drake, R., Harris, P., & Mayes, R. (2024, March). *Using CPAR in social justice research*. Evidence-Based School Counseling Conference, virtual.

Drake, R. (2023, April). *Building community agreements for emergent classrooms*. University of Wisconsin Office of Professional and Instructional Development 2023 Spring Conference, Madison, WI, United States.

Lent, S., Chase, S., **Drake, R.**, Newlove, P., & Springsteen-Haupt, M. (2023, April). *Commitments across contexts: Working through the politics of whiteness with educators*. American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, United States.

Invited Panelist, (2021, June). *Race and racism in school counseling*. National Teach-In on Antiracism in School Counseling, American University (Virtual Presentation).

Drake, R., & Rodríguez, N. N. (2020, April 17-21). *Subverting white social studies through racial literacy and Angie Thomas' The Hate U Give*. American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, United States.

Drake, R. (2019, November). *Emoting whiteness: #NOTALLCOPS to white emotional transience*. Presentation for the College and University Faculty Assembly Graduate Student Forum, Austin, Texas.

Rodríguez, N. N., & **Drake, R.** (2019, November). *My job in this fight: white preservice teachers' movement toward racial literacy*. Presentation for the College and University Faculty Assembly, Austin, Texas.

Rodríguez, N. N., & **Drake, R.** (2019, July). *Teacher education and organizing*. Presentation for Free Minds, Free People, Twin Cities, Minnesota.

Rodríguez, N. N., & **Drake, R.** (2019, June). *Fostering racial literacy and inquiry through Angie Thomas' The Hate U Give*. Presentation for the Elementary Social Studies Education Summit, Wilmington, North Carolina.

Rodríguez, N. N., & **Drake, R.** (2018, October). *Beyond Ellis Island: Teaching Iowa and national immigration from the last century*. Presentation for Iowa Council for the Social Studies Annual Conference, Altoona, Iowa.

Panelist, (2014, October). *Iowa school counselor leadership cohort*. Iowa School Counselor Association Conference, Des Moines, IA.

Drake, R., & Erguner-Tekinalp, B. (2014, August). *Social justice in professional school counseling*. Invited presentation for Iowa School Counseling Summit, Rathbun, IA.

Drake, R., Langan, S., & Trainor, C. (2012, November). *School counselor advocacy*. Presentation for Iowa School Counselor Association Conference, Des Moines, IA.

Dervisevic, E., & **Drake, R.** (2011, November). *Breaking the silence: The experiences of refugee families in the United States' public education system*. Presentation for Iowa Culture and Language Conference, Iowa City, IA.

Dervisevic, E., **Drake, R.**, & Erguner-Tekinalp, B. (2011, November). *The refugee experience in the United States' public school system*. Presentation for Iowa School Counselor Association Conference, Des Moines, IA.

Dervisevic, E., **Drake, R.**, & Erguner-Tekinalp, B. (2011, May). *The refugee experience: Strategies for mental health counselors to work effectively with refugees*. Presentation for Iowa Mental Health Counseling Association Conference, Des Moines, IA.

Dervisevic, E., & **Drake, R.** (2010, November). *Prevention through awareness: Microaggressions impacting university-level students*. Presentation for Cultivating Peace: A Symposium for Violence Prevention, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA.

Dervisevic, E., & **Drake, R.** (2010, October). *Prevention through awareness: Microaggressions impacting university-level students*. Presentation for Diversity Challenge, Boston College, Boston, MA.

Professional Practice

Drake, R. (2026, February). Abolition in school counseling. Invited virtual guest speaker at Seattle University.

Welch-Deal, M., **Drake, R.** (2024, November). *Self-regulation for educators and students*. Invited in-person presentation at University of Wisconsin-Stout, School of Education, Menomonie, WI.

Drake, R. (2024, October). Abolition in school counseling. Invited virtual guest speaker at Seattle University.

Drake, R. (2024, October). *Antiracist counseling*. Invited virtual presentation at Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL.

Drake, R. (2022, October). *Ethical decision-making for equity*. Invited virtual presentation at Drake University, School of Education, Des Moines, IA.

Drake, R. (2022, April). *Humanizing social emotional praxis*. Invited virtual presentation for Great Plains Action Society.

Oglesby, A., & **Drake, R.** (2021, January). *Transforming Social Emotional Learning*. Invited virtual presentation for the Nebraska School Counselor Association School Counselor Academy: Excellence Through Equity.

Drake, R., & Oglesby, A. (2020, November). *Whitewashed Social Emotional Learning and the promise of Transformative Sociopolitical Emotional Learning*. Presentation for the Iowa School Counselor Association.

Rodríguez, N. N., & **Drake, R.** (2018, November). *Diverse children's literature*. Presentation for the American Association of University Women, Ames, IA.

Drake, R. (2018, February). *Poverty and trauma*. Invited by Dr. Katy Swalwell to provide professional learning at Nevada Community School District, Nevada, IA.

Drake, R. (2017, October). *Anti-racism in our community*. Invited presentation at Iowa State University, School of Education, Des Moines, IA.

Drake, R. (2017, March). *Welcoming the future: Professional school counseling*. Invited presentation at Drake University, School of Education, Des Moines, IA.

Drake, R. (2016, October). *Educating Activist Allies*. Invited presentation at Iowa State University, School of Education, Ames, IA.

Drake, R. (2016, February). *Using data in professional school counseling*. Invited presentation at Drake University, School of Education, Des Moines, IA.

Drake, R. (2016, January). *Accountability and advocacy*. Invited presentation for Iowa School Counselor Association webinar, Ames, IA.

Drake, R., Invited Panelist, (2015, April). *Poverty and homelessness in Ames*. Ames' Leaders Poverty Simulation, Ames, IA.

Braun, C., **Drake, R.**, & Krofta, R. (2014, October). *School counseling: The first year*. Invited presentation for Drake University, School of Education, Des Moines, IA.

Drake, R., & Krofta, R. (2013, April). *School counseling programming*. Invited presentation for Drake University, School of Education, Des Moines, IA.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2025	Wisconsin School Counselor Association Annual Conference, attendee
2023	Critical Embodied Wellness (CrEW) for Educators, California State University Dominguez Hills, Inaugural Cohort
2023	43rd Annual Faculty College 2023: <i>Teaching & Learning with a Social Justice Lens</i> , University of Wisconsin-Stout Faculty Team
2023	2023 AERA Division E Early Career Mentoring Seminar, Early Career Mentee

TEACHING

Teaching Experience			
Institution	Course*	Course Number	Term Year
University of Wisconsin-Stout	Professional, Ethical, and Legal Issues in School Counseling	SCOUN 765	FA 2024, 2025
	Psychology of Development	EDPSY 850	FA 2024
	Lifespan Career Development ¹	SCOUN 733	SU 2024, 2025, SP 2026
	School Counseling Internship Seminar	SCOUN 793	SP 2024, 2025, 2026
	Multiculturalism for Pupil Service Providers	SCOUN 706	SP 2024, FA 2024, 2025; SP 2025
	Cultural Awareness in Practice**	HDFS 335	FA 2023
	Child Psychology**	PSYC 251	FA 2023, SP 2024
	School Counseling Assessment	SCOUN 753	SU 2023, 2024, 2025
	Advanced Psychology of Learning	EDPSY 730	SU 2023
	Comprehensive School Counseling I	SCOUN 782	SP 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026
	Comprehensive School Counseling II	SCOUN 783	FA 2025
	Law and Ethics for Counseling Professionals	SCOUN 777	SP 2023, FA 2022
	Social and Cultural Issues for Helping Professions	COUN 725	SP 2023, FA 2023
	School Counseling Internship Supervision	SCOUN 789/790	SP 2023, 2025, 2026
	Counseling Theory	COUN 750	FA 2022, 2023, 2024
	School Counseling Practicum Supervision	SCOUN 788L	FA 2022, 2024, 2025
	Research Methods and Applications for Helping Professions	SPSY 760	FA 2022, 2025
Drake University	Comprehensive School Counseling Programming	COUN 243	SP 2021, 2022
	College and Career Readiness	COUN 286	SU 2021, 2022
	School Counseling Program Implementation	COUN 253	FA 2020, 2021
	Research in Counseling	COUN 201	SU 2022, FA 2020, 2021
	Qualitative Research Methods	HCI 523X	SP 2022

Iowa State University	Educational Psychology**	EDUC 332	FA 2019, SP 2020
	Social Foundations of Education**	CI 204	SP 2019

*All courses are 3-credit courses

**Undergraduate course (no designation indicates graduate course)

¹ 1-credit course

Course Development				
Institution	New Course	Course Prefix & Number	Credits	Student Enrollment
University of Wisconsin-Stout	Comprehensive School Counseling II	SCOUN 783	3	Master's Degree-/ Certificate-Seeking Students
	Internship Supervision	SCOUN 794	4	Master's Degree-/ Certificate-Seeking Students
	Disrupting Carceral Logics in Education: A Toolkit for K–12 Change Agents	TBD	3 CEUs	Educators (Nationwide) & Master's Degree-Seeking Students (Not required for degree completion)

Certificate Development			
Institution	New Certificate	Pathway	Student Enrollment
University of Wisconsin-Stout	Post-Masters	Educator to School Counselor	Current PK-12 educators with master's degree in education
	Post-Masters	Mental Health Provider to School Counselor	Current mental health practitioners with master's degree in mental health field

HONORS AND AWARDS

2025-2026 Maybelle Ranney Price Professorship
University of Wisconsin-Stout

GRANTS

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, Federal School-Based Mental Health Professionals. \$156,000.00 (Funded), PI: Peterson, Co-PI: Axelrod, DeJager, Drake, Welch-Deal

Spencer Foundation, Racial Equity Research Grant. *Restoration, Healing, and Success in an Anti-CRT and DEI Climate: Cultivating Black Joy across School, Community, and Family Contexts*, 2025-2029, \$75,000.00 (Unfunded), PI: Mayes, Co-PI: Drake

United States Department of Education, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE): Safe & Supportive Schools: Mental Health Service Professional (MHSP) Demonstration Grant Program, Assistance Listing Number 84.184X. *Mental Health Service Professional Demonstration Grant*, 2024-2029, \$4,885,102.00 (Unfunded), PIs: Hansen, Drake, Welch-Deal

University of Wisconsin-Stout, Faculty Research Initiative. *We Keep Us Safe: Building Social and Emotional Safety in PK-12 Schools with School Counselors and Community Organizers*, 2023-2024, \$8,000.00 (Funded), PI: Drake

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

2025-	Association for Counselor Education and Supervision
2023-	Wisconsin School Counselor Association
2020-	American Educational Research Association <i>Division E: Counseling and Human Development</i> <i>SIG 144: Critical Educators for Social Justice</i>
2012-	American School Counselor Association
2012-2023	Iowa School Counselor Association

SERVICE

Community Service

2025-	Supporting Opportunities for Advocacy & Resilience (SOAR), Research Partner
2024-	Showing Up for Racial Justice-Twin Cities, Abolition Accountability Facilitator
2024-	Showing Up for Racial Justice-Twin Cities, Action Mobilization Team
2017-2022	Anti-Racism Collaborative of Ames, Founding Organizer
2020-2022	Activists for Educational Justice, Founding Organizer
2018-2019	Ames Youth and Schools Action Team, Member

PK-12 Service

2024	Prince George's County Public Schools, Tall Oaks Vocational High School, Social Emotional Learning Consultant
2024	Invited Guest Faculty. (2024, November). <i>Abolitionist school counseling:</i>

Partnerships for community-led movements for justice. [School Crisis Recovery & Renewal Leadership Fellowship 2024-2025](#), virtual.

2022	Ames Community School District, Educational Equity Planning Team, Member
2018-2022	Ames Middle School, Equity Consultant
2020-2021	Nevada Community School District, Social Emotional Learning Consultant
2018-2020	Sawyer Elementary, Equity Consultant
2016-2019	Sawyer Elementary, Sawyer Speaks Organizer/Consultant
2017-2018	Sawyer Elementary Family Advisory Council, Organizer
2016-2018	Sawyer Elementary Instructional Practices Inventory Team, Member
2016-2018	Sawyer Elementary Instructional Leadership Team, Member
2015-2018	Sawyer Elementary Building Leadership Team, Member

Field Service

2026-2028	<i>Journal for Social Action in Counseling & Psychology</i> , Editorial Board
2024-	<i>Education Sciences</i> , Reviewer
2013-2018	Iowa School Counselor Association (ISCA) Advocacy Committee, Member
2012-2013	ISCA, Board Secretary
2011-2012	ISCA, Board Graduate Student Representative

Institutional Service

University of Wisconsin-Stout

2025-	University Equity in Mental Health Committee
2023-	Doctoral Dissertation Committee (Carrie Lively), Member
2023-2025	University Faculty Senate EDI Committee, Secretary

UW-Stout Department of Counseling, Rehabilitation, and Human Services

2025-	Scholarship Definition Committee, Chair
2022-	Curriculum Committee, Member
2024-2025	Renewal Revision Committee, Member

2024-2025 CRHS Brown Bag Series, Facilitator

Drake University

2021-2022 University Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (J.E.D.I.) Committee, Member

Drake University School of Education

2021-2022 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, Member

2016-2018 School Counseling Advisory, Member

2015-2018 School of Education Advisory Council, Member

Iowa State University

2020-2022 Activists for Educational Justice (AEJ), Founding Organizer

Truman State University

2007-2008 Transfer Student Coordination Committee, Member