

TOCCOA MFT MATTERS

The Toccoa Falls College Marriage & Family Therapy Newsletter



LOVE IN ACTION: STRENGTHENING OUR MAMFT COMMUNITY

Dear MAMFT Family,

As we move forward into this new year, I'm excited to share some positive momentum from our program. Our first Communities of Interest Roundtable Discussion was a great success, with over 30 students, alumni, and faculty in attendance. The valuable feedback received has already prompted meaningful improvements, including the addition of a new elective for the Spring B session—**CSG 673: Addictions and Counseling**—along with plans for additional electives in the Fall.

To strengthen our connections and share timely opportunities, we are pleased to introduce free quarterly training for students and alumni. The series begins in April with a **Clinical Documentation Deep Dive** on *Tuesday, April 28th at 7:00 PM* (recorded for those unable to attend live).

These developments reflect our ongoing commitment to equipping ethical, compassionate clinicians who bring hope and healing to marriages and families. Thank you for being part of the important work at Toccoa Falls College—we're grateful for your continued partnership.



Warmly,
Dr. Jamie Brodarick
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IMPORTANT DATES REMINDER

FULL SEMESTER COURSES:

JANUARY 21ST, 2026 –
MAY 13TH, 2026

SESSION A:

JANUARY 21ST, 2026 –
MARCH 13TH, 2026

SESSION B:

MARCH 23RD, 2026 –
MAY 13TH, 2026

SPRING RESIDENCY:

APRIL 17TH - APRIL 19TH
FOR PREMARITAL AND
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KEEPING IN TOUCH: ALUMNI VOICES



WELCOME BACK

KIMBERLY NORTH, LMFT

WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO SINCE FINISHING YOUR MAMFT DEGREE?

I took the first month post-graduation and spent time doing things I wanted to do while spending time with my family. It was one long exhale before I entered the next steps. The next step for me was to study for and take the national exam and I am relieved to have that behind me.

I have been working in a private practice, providing therapy to both couples and individuals while steadily building my caseload. During this time, I have also remained committed to ongoing professional development through continued reading and study to further strengthen my skills as a clinician.

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU OFFER CURRENT STUDENTS?

Many of the professors in the program have a great deal of practical knowledge. Some of them are still seeing clients or have had many years of practicing what they teach. Ask a lot of questions, they are wonderful resources.

WHAT WAS SPECIAL ABOUT COMPLETING YOUR DEGREE AT TFC.

I loved that the program was smaller, which allowed for getting to know my classmates. I have managed to stay in touch with most of them. The size of the program facilitates relationships and accessibility.

HOW HAS ENTERING THE FIELD BEEN DIFFERENT THAN EXPECTED?

It has been harder to build a case load than I expected. There is quite a bit of marketing of yourself, at least at my practice.

WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO BE DOING IN 5 YEARS?

On the night of my graduation my husband suggested that I pursue a doctorate in Marriage and Family therapy. However, I am no spring chicken, so I am not sure if I have the energy for that process-- but who knows? Regardless, I hope to have my own private practice and specialize in couples therapy and pornography addiction recovery. I also hope to be offering couples and family therapy for missionaries as a part-time ministry.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

ALICIA MCGLAMORY



What led you to pursue a Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy at TFC?

In 2019, I felt called to leave a career in marketing and pursue counseling work. After earning my undergrad in Biblical counseling, I searched for a Christian, faith-based, and clinically-sound master's program.

I was not familiar with the differences between LPC and MFT before my interview with Dr. Brodarick. I could not deny that my worldview, spiritual grounding as a Christ-follower, and my lived experience all aligned with the systemic view undergirding the work of MFTs. I made this huge career pivot in mid-life and, honestly, wondered if my age and season of life would be a liability. Quite the opposite has been true, as the professors and fellow students at TFC have made me feel welcome and have embraced the value my life experience brings to my work.

What have you enjoyed most about being a student in this program?

The most enjoyable part of being a TFC MFT student has been bringing the coursework to life through Practicum and Internship. From the site I work with, to my site supervisor, to the group supervision the program provides each week, I have felt supported and encouraged in my clinical work. I have also enjoyed the freedom and flexibility of the online nature of the program. I may not have been able to pursue this field without the online option.

How do you think your studies have affected your personal relationships and your spiritual walk?

In my season of life, I have found that returning to college has offered a sweet connection with my adult children. Along with my husband, they have been rooting me on for the past few years, encouraging me as I write papers into the "wee hours," and commute back and forth for my internship. When I have felt discouraged or questioned whether I can do what it takes to complete the program, the encouragement of my family and friends has meant everything to me. Through this work, I have felt the nearness of the Lord and His urging to keep pressing on, even in the toughest moments. Each day, I begin and end with a prayer of surrender, acknowledging God's hand and His sovereignty in the healing work of my clients. I'm still baffled that He chooses to use me in this way, and I'm so grateful.

What are you hoping to do when you graduate? What impact are you hoping to make?

After graduation and licensure, I am hoping to work in private practice. I feel called to work with individuals, couples, and families. I am especially drawn to work with couples through an intensive model, which allows for extended sessions and more intentional time in the process. While I'm just one person, the healing work that happens with each marriage can last for generations to come. I am praying that the work the Lord does through my therapy practice will spur on a legacy of healing that lasts far beyond my lifetime.

