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Prior to my retirement in August, 2018, I served as the Director of Student Counseling Services, University of Minnesota Twin Cities for the last 11 years of a 30 year career at the center. In the last four years of my Directorship I also served as an Assistant Vice-Provost, Office for Student Affairs. I continue to be a member of AUCCCD with emeritus status. As Director I navigated a number of significant organizational challenges including two unsuccessful hostile takeover attempts by other programs, budget challenges including advocating (partially successfully) for staff salary increases, and advocating for a sexual assault advocacy center that reported to me. I also facilitated the development of several programs designed to support the mental health needs of first gen and marginalized student communities. I served as a member of numerous University committees including the campus-wide, interdisciplinary Provost's Committee on Student Mental Health and chaired a sub-committee that reorganized that Committee with the focus on adding more diverse and student voices. One of my clinical specialty areas is in helping students create personal success by overcome academic underachievement, and I authored the book Helping College Students Succeed, A Model for Effective Intervention. I received the Association of University and College Counseling Center Directors Award for Excellence in Counseling Center Scholarship in 2014.

And a little about me personally: I am a native of Los Angeles, California and traded beaches and mountains for Minnesota's seasons and lakes with no regrets save for the last two weeks in January. I received a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from the University of Wisconsin, Madison and a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the University of Kansas. I continue to have a private psychology practice in St. Paul, Minnesota.