

# MEET OUR FACULTY

*Doctor of Psychology (Psy.D.) | Clinical Psychology*

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Dr. Smith earned her Psy.D. in Clinical Psychology from the American School of Professional Psychology at Argosy University, Washington, DC Campus. She has taught at Stevenson University since 2018. She is a Licensed Psychologist and has her own private practice where she provides both therapeutic and psychological assessment services to children, adolescents, and adults. She has extensive experience in supervising and training undergraduate and graduate students in the field of psychology.

Her clinical interests focus on the integration of play therapy and other non-directed modalities in therapy to enhance overall emotional identification and expression in children and adolescents. Her clinical work also focuses on increasing accessibility of mental health resources to BIPOC communities. Her research interests include examining the relationship between ethnic identification, cultural expression, and psychological well-being.

## AREAS OF FOCUS

- Play therapy
- Caribbean psychology and psychology of the Black Diaspora
- Assessment of children and adolescents

## CURRENT PROJECTS

- Developing a children's book series focused on promoting emotional identification and expression in school-aged children
- Developing a group-based intervention program to promote socio-emotional improvements among at-risk Bahamian youth

