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PhD, Counseling & Personnel Services, University of Maryland College Park

Key Interests

First-Generation College Students | Leadership Education | Student Development/
Engagement | Social Change | Ethical Leadership | Access to Higher Education

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SELECT PUBLICATIONS

- Owen, J. E., Krell, M., & McCarron, G. P. (2019). An exploration of civic identity in first-generation college students: From charity to solidarity. *Journal of Student Affairs Research and Practice*, 1-15.
- McCarron, G. P., et al. (In press | Fall 2020). Pedagogy and leadership capacity development. In T. Andenoro & K. Skendall (Eds.), *Creating a national leadership education research agenda 2020-2024: Providing strategic direction for the field of leadership education* (pp. TBD). University of Phoenix.

Research Focus

I teach courses on leadership theory, ethics, and leadership, social change, and leadership and organizational problem-solving. As a former student/academic affairs professional and as a current leadership studies faculty member, I have over 20+ years of experience focused on holistic student development, increasing students' access to higher education, student mattering, community-building, and creating learning climates that transcend time and place.

Current Projects

- Examination of pre-college factors that contribute to leader emergence and leader-self efficacy in college.
- exploration of the lived experiences of first-generation college students who also identify as immigrants or children of immigrants.
- unpacking how to bolster a sense of belonging and mattering for students in virtual leadership education courses.