

# Biographical Data and Platform Statements

2025 Candidates

## BOARD MEMBER (3 POSITIONS)



### Camille Lafleur, PhD (she/her)

I am honored to be nominated to serve on the AAMFT Board of Directors. Over the past 20+ years, my career as an MFT has included community mental health, private practice—both solo and group —

and academia. My commitment to service is evident through my advocacy, networking, and community volunteer work. I am eager to combine my professional experience and passion to further the field of marriage and family therapy.

AAMFT's mission reflects my core values—particularly its commitment to relationships and its dedication to diversity, equity, and inclusion. As a board member, my goal seeks to enhance the visibility of MFTs in national conversations where our expertise and systemic perspective is critical. I also aim to strengthen advocacy efforts for the practice of MFT including fair reimbursement of relational work and support ongoing discussions on license portability. MFTs are in a unique position to lead transformative conversations that foster relationship repair and change. To increase this impact and our visibility, we must invest in the professional well-being of MFTs. My focus includes creating more networking opportunities, encouraging self-awareness and cultural humility, and promoting self-care to prevent burnout.

Having been an AAMFT member for over two decades, I deeply align with its mission and values. My career demonstrates a consistent dedication to advancing the profession at both local and national levels, and I am eager to continue this work through the Board of Directors.

### (I) PRESENT PROFESSIONAL POSITION

- Moving Forward Together (MFT) Therapy and Consultation, PLLC, Owner (January 2022-present)
  - Therapist and AAMFT Approved Supervisor
  - Licensed and practicing in Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas
- Oklahoma Baptist University, Master of Science Marriage and Family Therapy Program (August 2016 – May 2025)
  - Associate Professor (2021-present)
  - Practicum Coordinator (2019-present)

### (II) MOST RELEVANT PAST PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS (WITHIN THE LAST 7 YEARS)

- Assistant professor of MFT, Oklahoma Baptist University (2016-2021)
- Interim Clinic Director, Kemp MFT Clinic, Oklahoma Baptist University (Spring 2021)

### (III) AAMFT MEMBERSHIP: PAST AND PRESENT PARTICIPATION IN AAMFT, INCLUDING TOPICAL AND GEOGRAPHIC INTEREST NETWORKS

- Clinical Fellow (2013-present)
  - Preclinical Fellow, 2008-2013
  - Student Member, 2002-2007
- Board Member, Kansas Association for Marriage and Family Therapists (2011-2014)
- Board of Directors Trustee, Kansas Association of Marriage and Family Therapist Educational Foundation, Inc. (2014-2016)
- Oklahoma Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, (2017-2021)
  - Transition Committee, 2018-2019
  - Conference Chair, 2019-2021
- Chair, Margins to Center: Cultural Connections among CMFTs (2020-2023)
  - Planning Committee, 2019
- Member, Queer and Trans Advocacy Network
- Member, Telehealth Member

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**(IV) PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES** (Activities should be directly linked to the position and should demonstrate the skills needed for the position. Please refer to the list of **competencies and skills for the position**). **Past and present activities, projects, or publications (limit 3) that are evidence of leadership skills, experience integrating information, working towards consensus, and decision-making skills.**

- Faculty Advisor/Creator, MFT-SCC, Oklahoma Baptist University (2017-2020)
- Conference Volunteer and Presenter, Community Renewal of Pottawatomie County (2020-2022)
- Community Organizer, Blessing Boxes of Topeka (2016-2019)
- Board Vice President, Women Empowerment Inc. (2011-2016)
- Board President, TDC Learning Center Inc. (2012-2014)
  - Board Member (2010-2014)
- Creator, Kansas Black Therapist Network (2015-2020)
- Member, Leadership Greater Topeka (2008-2009)

**(V) COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION: Past and present activities demonstrating knowledge of and commitment to social justice and systemic science.**

- Lecturer, Tony Jurich Lecture Series on Social Justice (2020). Kansas State University
  - “Margins to Center: The importance of cultural connections”
- In my role as faculty I assisted in integrating the Person of the Therapist Model with cultural humility as a foundational part of the clinical training program.
  - In my role as practicum coordinator, I am intentional about creating partnerships with sites that promote diversity, equity, and inclusion principles to enhance clinical training experiences.
- Diversity Committee, Oklahoma Baptist University, 2019-2020
- Podcast, “Melanated Information that empowers Change” (M.I.C.) (2019-2020)
  - Focused on the intersection of the Black lived experience and mental health

**(VI) RELEVANT DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION – Optional (up to five sentences)**

You may choose to identify and/or describe parts of your background which may include the following: work setting (e.g., private practice, academia, agency, community health, government), home location (e.g., rural, urban, suburban), region (e.g., US state, international), any other relevant demographic information (e.g., age, ethnicity/race, gender, sexual orientation, religious/spiritual affiliation, ability, immigration status, languages spoken).

I am a Black cisgender woman from the Midwest, now living in the Southwest, bringing my lived experience into my work as a therapist and educator. Throughout my career, I have emphasized self-awareness and cultural humility, ensuring these values are central to my teaching and supervision. As I transition into full-time clinical practice, I remain committed to fostering culturally sensitive care in my private practice. In my role as an AAMFT-approved supervisor, I continue to promote these principles, guiding the next generation of therapists in culturally responsive work. My dedication to cultural awareness and equity remains a cornerstone of my professional identity.