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### Botswana HIV/AIDS counselor's perceptions of their role, and Client's Perceptions of the counseling experience; results from a programmatic effort

This presentation reports on a study of counselor's perceptions of HIV/AIDS in Botswana, as well as clients who have received HIV/AIDS counseling. HIV/AIDS has presented one of the greatest global health challenges in recent history. Mental health concerns can exacerbate the progression and transmission of HIV/AIDS. Thus counseling can play an important role in addressing these issues. Due to the hyper-geometric increased of AIDS, countries including Botswana, had been hard-pressed to provide well-trained counselors for AIDS clients. Results of a programmatic effort to examine the utilization of Botswana HIV/AIDS counselors and their perceptions of professional identity, practice and training issues, as well as the perceptions of clients who have received counseling are discussed.

#### Speaker Biography

Dr. Rex Stockton is the Class of 1969 Chancellor's Professor in the Department of Counseling and Educational Psychology, affiliate faculty member in African studies and Research Fellow, Rural Center for AIDS/STD Prevention at Indiana University. He has held a wide variety of academic, administrative and professional responsibilities. For over a decade in collaboration with African colleagues, he has lead a project related to the social emotional aspects of having HIV/AIDS. He has focused on counselor training and research related to the prevention of HIV/AIDS and counselling interventions in Sub-Saharan Africa. Dr. Stockton has received several major research awards for his work. For example, he is a recipient of the American Counseling Association's Extended Research Award and the Association for Specialists in Group Work Eminent Career Award. Most recently, he received APA's Division 49, the Arthur Teicher Award. Dr. Stockton is a recipient of the Burton W. Gorman Teaching Award at Indiana University. In addition to his research efforts, Dr. Stockton has conducted many workshops, nationally and internationally. As well as his consulting, instructional and research activities, Dr. Stockton has held numerous offices and committee assignments in professional societies. He is a Fellow of both the American Psychological Association and American Counselling Association and Diplomate of the American Board of Professional Psychology

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