

The Nystrand Center of Excellence in Education Presents

# The Nystrand Speaker Series:

## *Mental Health in Education*



**Diane Courington, Ph.D.**



**Shannon Floyd, MSSW/CSW**

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The Nystrand Center of Excellence in Education supports and facilitates education reform through its outstanding special programs and initiatives. Strong community partnerships are the heart of our success and serve as an inspiration for those who work so diligently to provide a better education for our children. It is our mission to continue with transformation through collaboration by leading the discussion on education reform, policy, research, and practice.



**MODERATOR:**

**Dr. Geneva Stark**  
*Director of the Nystrand  
Center of Excellence in  
Education*

**Dr. Diane Courington** is a former K-12 health and P.E. teacher and has recently transferred her skills into higher education as an adjunct professor in the School of Education at Bellarmine University. Dr. Courington explores equality, inclusion, and diversity for People of Color and Students of Color with a trauma inform-care lens through scholarship and advocacy work. She earned a Ph.D. from Bellarmine University in Educational and Social Change, a Master's degree in Public Health from Benedictine University, and a Master's in Special Education from Kentucky State University. In addition, Dr. Courington serves on community boards for both Louisville Girls Leadership and Home of the Innocence within the Louisville community.

**Shannon Floyd** is a conscientious disrupter. . .a LIFE COACH. . .Seer. . .an ANSWER seeking a PROBLEM. . .author. . .Seeker of Truth. Her natural curiosity about the story behind a “person, place or thing” has been a guiding force in helping others and organizations to identify problems, form plausible solutions, establish goals and create desired change. Shannon holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Sociology and “mastered” (Master of Science in Social Work) the field of Social Work, is licensed as a Certified Social Worker and is actively pursuing independent licensure as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. Currently, Shannon is a Mental Health & Wellness Coordinator with the College of Education & Human Development/University of Louisville and Principal Mediator for resolve: Restorative Practices LLC, respectively. Shannon has spent decades in the “trenches” of juvenile justice, public secondary education, community mental health, social services, etc. developing and administering programming and services to combat gross systemic inequities. As a FIERCE advocate, Shannon actively collaborates with policy makers and powerholders in combating implicit bias, discriminatory practices and inequities in the labor market. Her commitment to influencing legislation beneficial to “the least of these” is unwavering.