



OUR TEAM

BRETT ZYROMSKI, Ph.D.

Lead Professional Learning Specialist



BIOGRAPHY

"Growing up, my mom was a first grade teacher. Seven languages were spoken in her diverse classroom. Each morning, my siblings and I would make sandwiches to ensure that all my mom's students had breakfast. My mom taught me that taking care of basic needs is the first priority (e.g. love, belonging, safety, and food) and then educating the child naturally flows from the positive relationship built upon trust and support. That perspective has guided my life and work ever since. Data is only a reflection of that to me, as when I look at outcome data, every point of data that we change is a child's life that has changed. Every activity I do, whether a research project, article I publish, grant I complete, or workshop I deliver is meant to better serve our students. All our students deserve amazing school counselors that close equity gaps, increase access and opportunity to quality education, and success in life."

Brett is an Associate Professor of Counselor Education at The Ohio State University. His scholarship focuses on the impact of evidence-based interventions in school counseling, evidence-based school counselor education, and evaluation in school counseling. He is also passionate about changing systems and increasing social justice to close equity and opportunity gaps. Brett works with school districts around the country to implement interventions that buffer the impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences and other trauma while working on dismantling the systems that create such experiences. Brett is Associate Editor of the Professional School Counseling journal. He is also the co-author of Facilitating Evidence-Based, Data-Driven School Counseling: A Manual for Practice (Corwin, 2016) and is co-founder and co-chair of the national Evidence-Based School Counseling Conference. He has published dozens of peer-reviewed journal articles related to school counseling issues, and has delivered over 100 international, national, regional, and local presentations. Brett has served as a project manager for over \$8 million dollars worth of national and state school counseling and educational grants. He was also involved with the American School Counselor Association as a Lead Recognized ASCA Model Program (RAMP) Reviewer and has served as a trainer of the ASCA National Model. He has helped over 30 schools successfully earn RAMP status.

PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Associate Editor: *Professional School Counseling* Journal
- Editorial Board Member: *Journal for Counseling and Development*
- Lead author of the groundbreaking article "Guidance Counselors or School Counselors: How the Name of the Profession Influences Perceptions of Competence," the first research study that illustrates how the use of the title 'School Counselor' influences the perceptions of competence.
- Recipient of numerous awards, including the Ohio Counseling Association 2018 Herman J. Peters award for innovation in the counseling field, the 2015 Kentucky School Counselor Association Post-Secondary Counselor of the Year, the 2014 Illinois School Counselor Association Friend of ISCA, the 2010 North Central Association for Counselor Education and Supervision Professional Leadership Award, the 2010 Illinois School Counselor Association Presidential Award, and the 2008 North Central Association for Counselor Education and Supervision Outstanding Teaching Award

TESTIMONIALS

"Brett was very knowledgeable and practical in helping us drill down to achievable steps."

– Diana Day, Training Participant and School Counselor at Tulsa Public Schools in Tulsa, Oklahoma

"Brett is very knowledgeable. He holds my attention well and gives lots of information in an appropriate pace."

– Training Participant and School Counselor at Elkhart Community Schools in Elkhart, Indiana

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FUN FACTS

- Brett enjoys traveling and has visited 18 countries and 45 states.
- Brett has a family history of educators, with great-grandmother, grandmother, mother, uncle, and aunt all educators.
- Brett has a cat named Edie.