# DREW MIKITA, LPC

Associate Professor

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### **ABOUT**

Extremely motivated and passionate professor, writer, outdoorsman, licensed counselor, and sport psychology coach who lives his life to the fullest. Education is about connection with people, sharing a message, and engaging in the process together.

### **EDUCATION**

# Psy.D., Sport and Human Performance Psychology

- University of Arizona Global Campus (ABD, on break)
- All But Dissertation, course work completed

#### M.Ed, Community Counseling

• Ohio University (2007)

# M.Ed, Rehabilitation Counseling

• Ohio University (2007)

#### **BA, Psychology**

• Ohio University (2004)

## CERTIFICATIONS

- Nationally Certified Counselor (Counselor number 242236)
- Licensed Professional Counselor (Colorado Counselor #6014)
- Nationally Ordained Minister

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### Colorado Mountain College

2008 - Present

Associate Professor (2015 - Present) Assistant Professor (2012 - 2015) Adjunct Faculty (2008 - 2011)

- Created Online/Hybrid/Livestream options for courses
- Developed course content, reading, activities, and videos
- Director of clubs and activities at the Summit Campus
- Facilitate a positive learning environment for students to learn in a unique, engaging, and fun capacity
- Assisted in creation of Human Services Bachelor's Degree
- Mentor new faculty members and facilitate growth in the Social Sciences Department
- Appeared on numerous hiring committees
- Mentor new faculty members
- Develop and deliver lesson plans for following classes:
  - O General Psychology I & II (PSY 1001 and PSY 1002)
  - O Abnormal Psychology (PSY 2552)
  - O Social Psychology (PSY 3260) Faculty Lead
  - O Human Growth & Development (PSY 2440)
  - O Personality Psychology (PSY 4650) Faculty Lead
  - O Sport Psychology (PSY 275)
  - O Psychology of Gender (PSY 205)
  - O Health Psychology (PSY 2333)
  - O Positive Psychology (PSY 2331)
  - O Psychopathology (PSY 4600) Faculty Lead
  - O Food and Feelings (Flavors for Your Health series)

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# PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE(CONTINUED)

#### Private Practice - Feel Awesomer, LLC (Owner/Operator)

2007 - Present

Licensed Professional Counselor (2007-present)

- Provide mental health therapy for people with mental illness
- Research and write about treatments and holistic health to treat mental illness and improve life satisfaction
- Provide community service through drug awareness presentations and pro bono counseling
- Specializing in substance abuse, depression, bipolar, and anxiety
- Ran and recruited members for Injuries in the Mountains Therapeutic Group for Building Hope Non-Profit

#### Sport Psychology Coaching (2013-present)

- Work with elite level athletes to improve performance and results
- Goal setting activities and programs for individuals and teams

#### Club Forget Me Not-Therapeutic Team & Wed Manager (2017-present)

- Coordinate wellness activities and therapeutic interventions for participants who have lost a parent or sibling
- Maintain website and marketing materials
- All work is volunteer and unpaid

#### Freelance Writing

2013 - Present

#### Feel Awesomer (formerly Free Psychology Help) (2013-present)

- Owner, operator, creator, editor and head writer
  - Psychology blog and resource center for people interested in psychology, sport psychology, mental health and wellness
  - Used as an academic tool for courses taught at Colorado Mountain College
  - Manage SEO and Google Adsense and all functions

#### Summit Daily News (2015-2020)

- Dear Drewbie-Health and Wellness monthly column
- Print and online versions

#### God Hates Cleveland (2014-present)

- Owner, operator, creator, editor and head writer
- Cleveland Browns blog including free agency, mock drafts, news, predictions, and more
- This site was recently hacked and much of the material lost
- Manage SEO and Google Adsense and all functions

#### We Are Breck (2015-present)

- Co-Owner, Co-operator, Co-creator, editor and writer
- A local's perspective to dining, activities, and life in Breckenridge, CO.
- Manage SEO and Google Adsense and all functions

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# PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE(CONTINUED)

Bair Counseling Center - Frisco, CO

DUI Education and Therapy Instructor (2008-2011)

Colorado West Regional Mental Health - Frisco, CO

Detox Counselor (2008)

State of Colorado, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation - Denver, CO

Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor (2007-2008)

Bassett House, Health Recovery Services, INC. - Athens, OH

Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor (2007-2008)

# SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Mental Health Panel Discussion-Paradise Paradox (2024)
- Navigating Sh\*t Storms-Positive Psychology and The Pandemic-Building Hope (2020)
- Moderator for Young and Active Mental Health-With Olympic Medalist Nick Goepper and Mental Health Community (2019)
- Graduation Speaker-Colorado Mountain College (2020)
- Graduation Speaker-Peak School (2018)

## AWARDS& RECOGNITION

- 2024 Full Time Faculty of the Year-Colorado Mountain College
- 2012 Full Time Faculty of the Year-Colorado Mountain College
- Multiple time CMC T2R2 employee recognition recipient
- Graduate Assistant, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio
- RGS Award-Ohio University, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio
- Research Assistant-Ohio University
   Psychology Department

## PERSONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 2016 Mount Everest Marathon (3rd American Male)
- 2014-2020 Imperial Challenge finisher
- 2015 National Championships Master's Ultimate Frisbee
- 2017-present Firecracker 50 Endurance Race
- Active member of community volunteering time for substance abuse awareness, promoting wellness and health lifestyles