

**Steven P. Farmer, Ph.D.**  
Associate Clinical Professor

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**Professional Bio**

Dr. Farmer is the Program Coordinator of the MA Counseling program at Northern Arizona University – North Valley Campus in Phoenix. He completed his Ph.D. in Marriage and Family Therapy at St. Mary’s University in San Antonio, TX. He is a Licensed Professional Counselor and a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist in Texas and Arizona. Dr. Farmer has been active in the Arizona Counselors’ Association and the Arizona Association of Counselor Education and Supervision. Dr. Farmer has been a Counselor Educator for 8 years, teaching for five years at the University of North Texas in Denton, TX. He has presented at professional conferences for more than 10 years at the international, national, regional, state and local levels. Dr. Farmer volunteers as a counselor in the Counseling Ministry at The Franciscan Renewal Center in Paradise Valley. He also provides clinical supervision training to meet the AZBBHE educational requirements for LPC’s and other professionals.

**Licenses / Certifications**

- Arizona Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)
- Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT)
- National Certified Counselor (NCC)

**Areas of Teaching Interest**

- Introduction to Clinical Mental Health Counseling
- Counseling Processes
- Multicultural Counseling
- Psychopathology and Diagnosis
- Group Counseling
- Practicum and Internship in Counseling
- Professional Ethics, Legal Standards and Responsibilities

**Areas of Research and/or Professional Interest**

Dr. Farmer’s areas of interest include counseling LGBT clients, sexual identity development, professional identity development of Counselors in training, advocacy for the profession of Counseling and the international development of the profession of Counseling.

**Recent Presentations**

Farmer, S. & Loesel, R. (2016). *The lived experiences of LGBT Christian clergy: In and out of the closet, in and out of the church*. Presented at the Association for LGBT Issues in Counseling Conference, San Antonio, TX.

Farmer, S. (2014). *Professional Ethics: By the book, or by the seat of your pants?* Master of Arts Colloquium Keynote Address. Prescott College Master of Arts Colloquium, Prescott, AZ.

- Farmer, S., Regalado, M., Aster, A. & Ruberto, D. (2016). *Counselors working effectively with sexual minority youth and their parents*. Presented at the International Association of Marriage and Family Counselors World Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- Farmer, S. (2015). *Developing and teaching a master's level class: Evidence-based counseling techniques*. Presented at the Association of Counselor Educators and Supervisors Conference, Philadelphia, PA.
- Farmer, S. & DeVoll, M. (2014). *This side of the rainbow: ethics, competencies and skills for improving your LGB affirming practice*. Presented at the American Counseling Association Annual Conference, Honolulu, HI.
- Farmer, S. (2013). *Counselor education in developing countries of south Asia: Experiences from India and Nepal*. Presented at the Association of Counselor Educators and Supervisors Conference, Denver, CO.
- Farmer, S. (2011). *Sexual identity development and clinical implications for gay and lesbian clients*. Presented at the Counseling Association of India Conference, VBS Purvanchal University, Jaunpur, India.
- Farmer, S. (2011). *The impact of the family on sexual identity development of gays and lesbians*. Presented at the International Family Therapy Association's XIXth World Family Therapy Congress, Noordwijkerhout, Netherlands.
- Kerstner, P. & Farmer, S. (2014). *The American counseling association new code of ethics: new standards for professional counselors, students, and counselor educators*. Presented at the Southwestern School for Behavioral Health Studies 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Tucson, Arizona.
- Kerstner, P. & Farmer, S. (2014). *Findings and trends on AzBBHE complaints and sanctions*. Presented at the Southwestern School for Behavioral Health Studies 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Tucson, AZ.
- Farmer, S. (2014). *Recent research and ethics in counselor supervision*. Presented at the Arizona Counselors Association Conference, Phoenix, AZ.
- Farmer, S. (2014). *DSM-5 and implications for counselors*. Presented at the Arizona Counselors Association Conference, Phoenix, AZ.
- Farmer, S. & Bankhead, M. (2013). *Counseling along the sexuality continuum*. Presented at the Arizona Counseling Association Conference, Mesa, AZ.
- Vasquez, J., Renteria, Y., Kolodinsky, P. & Farmer, S. (2013) *Straddling the border: Community counseling interns' experiences in counseling Mexican-Americans on the Arizona-Mexico border*. Presented at the Arizona Counseling Association Conference, Mesa, AZ.
- Chou, W., Leonard, H., Farmer, S. & Collier, N. (2012). *Counselors' ego strength development and supervision*. Presented at the Texas Association for Counselor Education and Supervision Mid-Winter Conference Austin, TX.
- Farmer, S., Farmer, A. & Farmer, L. (2009). *When children offend: A residential treatment program for juvenile sexual offenders*. Presented at the Texas Counseling Association Professional Growth Conference, Dallas, TX.
- Rowley, M. & Farmer, S. (2015). *Three hour ethics refresher for counselor supervisors*. Presented at University of Phoenix, Phoenix, AZ.

### **Recent Publications**

Kinsey, L., Moore, T., Holden, J. & Farmer, S. (2015). *A Clinician's primer on sexual identity development*. Submitted.

Farmer, S. (2004). *A phenomenological study of gay, Mexican-American men who disclose their HIV+ status to their family*. Dissertation, St. Mary's University, San Antonio, TX.

### **Professional Memberships**

- American Counseling Association
- American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists
- Association for Counselor Education and Supervision
- Association for Assessment and Research in Counseling
- Association for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Issues in Counseling
- Western Association for Counselor Education and Supervision
- Arizona Counselors Association