Goal of the Panel:
To provide attendees with an overview of the current mental health services available to postsecondary students on Rhode Island’s higher education campuses. Discussion will focus on four key themes: increased demand; increased acuity; addressing the needs of a diverse study body; and how to incorporate the larger campus community.

Moderator:

Jason L. Meriwether, PhD
Jason Meriwether, PhD is the Vice President for Student Success at Rhode Island College. In this role, Dr. Meriwether oversees the newly created Division of Student Success (est. 2017) which brings together the student affairs and academic affairs units. A native of Guthrie, Kentucky, Dr. Meriwether earned his bachelor’s degree in communication from the University of Louisville. He earned his master’s degree in psychology from Fisk University. Dr. Meriwether received his doctorate in educational administration with a specialization in higher education leadership from Indiana State University. With a passion for driving innovative and personalized development, Dr. Meriwether is an advocate for student learning and believes in using theory, legal precedent and effective practices to fuel strategic student success initiatives.
Panel Participants:

**Will Meek, PhD**

Will Meek, PhD (he/him/his) is a licensed psychologist and Director of Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS) at Brown University. Dr. Meek began at Brown in March 2017 and has implemented a wide-range of changes that have improved access to care and staff diversity. He has previously held positions in counseling leadership at the University of Portland (Oregon), and was a one-person center at Washington State University - Vancouver. Dr. Meek grew up in suburban Cleveland, attended graduate school in Kansas City, and spends his free time adventuring with his family, roasting coffee, and creating experimental music.

**A. Chantelle Pseekos, PhD**

Dr. Chantelle Pseekos is a Licensed Psychologist and the Director of the Counseling Center for Rhode Island College, a public institution serving approximately 8,000 undergraduate and graduate students. Currently serving in her second Counseling Center Directorship, Dr. Pseekos has previously served at four additional University/College Counseling Centers, which have varied geographically, public/private, and urban/rural. Her focus areas include: college counseling, multicultural work, suicide prevention, supervision, training, administration, anxiety and anger management, mindfulness work, and counseling offered through an integrative framework. She is an “out” LGBTQ+ person, who additionally provides specialty services to members of the LGBTQ+ community.
Panel Participants (continued):

Cory J. Clark, PhD
Dr. Cory Clark received his BA in Psychology with a Social Sciences Interdisciplinary concentration in Health and Human Services from State University of New York at Buffalo. He received his MA and Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology from West Virginia University. Dr. Clark specialized in group therapy during my Internship at Virginia Commonwealth University’s counseling center. He started his position as Assistant Director / Director of Training at the University of Rhode Island Counseling Center in 2008. His stronger interests at work include group therapy, training new therapists, and bringing my dog to our outreach activities on campus. Dr. Clark enjoys spending time with his family and dog doing outdoor activities and alone or with friends kayak fishing in the ocean.

Stephanie Dixon, MSW, LICSW
Stephanie Dixon has been the Director of Counseling Services at Johnson & Wales University since May 2013. Stephanie earned her Bachelor’s degree in Psychology in 1999 from Wheaton College in Massachusetts and immediately began her career by working as a Child Protection Social Worker at the Massachusetts Department of Children and Families. Since the completion of her Master’s Degree in Social Work from Boston College in 2004 Stephanie has worked for agencies such as: Salem Hospital, Tri-City Mental Health, Health & Education Services, and as an Outpatient Therapist and Clinical Supervisor. Since returning to college mental health in 2009 Stephanie’s areas of interest have included providing trauma informed care, crisis management, administration, and supervision.