Cara Miller, Ph.D.

Promising New Professional Award, 2016

Gallaudet University, Coordinator of the LGBTQA Resource Center, 2014-Present

Under Dr. Miller’s leadership, in just 18 months, the LGBTQA Resource Center has grown immensely in scope and depth, severing as a hub for Gallaudet’s LGBTQA-related programs, services, trainings, activities, and student groups on campus. Dr. Miller is in constant demand across campus, which includes the Laurent Clerc National Deaf Education Center, Gallaudet’s demonstration elementary, middle, and model high school program. Additionally, Dr. Miller is working closely with other campus entities regarding the implementation of policies and practices that ensure adherence to Title IX legislation.

Dr. Miller’s humble, warm, and welcoming manner puts people at ease even when discussing sensitive topics, and needed to address new challenges. She creates a sense of safety and models the true meaning of inclusion in her approach to situations and community needs. As an advocate, activist, and educator, she has earned the respect and trust of all constituencies on campus and has made great strides in creating a more LGBTQ-welcoming environment at Gallaudet University. (Taken, in part, from Dr. Miller’s nomination letter)