Dr. Paul R. Peluso, Chair of the Department of Counselor Education at Florida Atlantic University, was honored by the American Counseling Association as winner of the Professional Development Award, which recognizes an ACA member who has developed techniques and systems that have strengthened, expanded, enhanced or improved the counseling profession and benefitted counseling consumers. The award will be presented at ACA’s annual conference in Honolulu, HI.

Dr. Peluso is a Licensed Mental Health Counselor and a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist in the state of Florida. He has also been certified as a disaster mental health counselor by the American Red Cross. He is currently affiliated with four ACA divisions and serves as the Executive Editor of the Measurement and Evaluation in Counseling and Development journal. He has co-authored four books, edited two, authored sixteen chapters, and authored over ten journal articles since 2009 (with many more prior). Dr. Peluso has served as a member of the ACA By-Laws Committee and the Chair of the ACA DSM-5 Task Force. He has presented at a variety of ACA, divisional and specialty interest conferences and continues to publish in the areas of assessment, family counseling, and professional practice.

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