



## Mark Thompson

Mark Thompson is a psychologist who spent the bulk of his professional career in college and university counseling centers—33 years in total; first at the University of Arizona, followed by 11 years at Hamilton College and the final 20 years at Colgate University. Mark concluded his career in high ed by serving as the Interim Vice President and Dean of the College at Colgate for the 2016-17 academic year. Mark earned his PhD in Counseling Psychology from the University of Arizona in 1987. His undergraduate and master's degrees were awarded by St. Bonaventure University.



During his tenure at Colgate, Mark was actively involved in initiatives addressing acquaintance rape prevention, diversity and inclusion, substance issues, leadership development, positive sexuality, and body image. He co-founded Colgate's chapter of the National Coalition Building Institute, led numerous Mentors in Violence Prevention workshops for undergraduate men addressing sexual assault prevention, co-chaired the Eating Issues Management Team, and served on various alcohol and other substance groups and task forces. Mark participated as a co-facilitator for the *Yes Means Yes* positive sexuality series since its inception at Colgate. Along with Dr. Merrill Miller, Mark co-directed Colgate's Wellness Initiative for five years prior to the hiring of a full-time director.

Mark was an active member of the Association for University and College Counseling Center Directors, where he served on the governing board and also as co-chair for the Elements of Excellence Training Committee. He was awarded the organization's Lifetime Achievement Award in 2014. In addition, Mark is a member of Divisions 17 (Counseling Psychology) and 51 (Men and Masculinity) of the American Psychological Association. He received Colgate's Maroon Citation in 2014 for service to the Colgate community.