

## Alumni Spotlight: Olufunso Bamiduro (MACO '21)



**Current title:** Licensed Clinician

**Family:** Wife: Dawn, Daughter: Ayoka

**Favorite professor:** One and all of them...

**Favorite class:** Introduction to Counseling with Dr Jacqueline Dyers.

**Favorite memory:** Working as an International student worker with the admissions team at the Boston campus.

**What have you been doing since you left Gordon-Conwell and where are you serving now? Do you have a particular specialization?**

I have been working as a licensed clinician under the agency license and supervision of Edinburg Center in Bedford MA. I work with the ACCS team (Adult Community Clinical Service) The team works with individuals with substance abuse, trauma, and other mental health related challenges.

**What do you love about your work?**

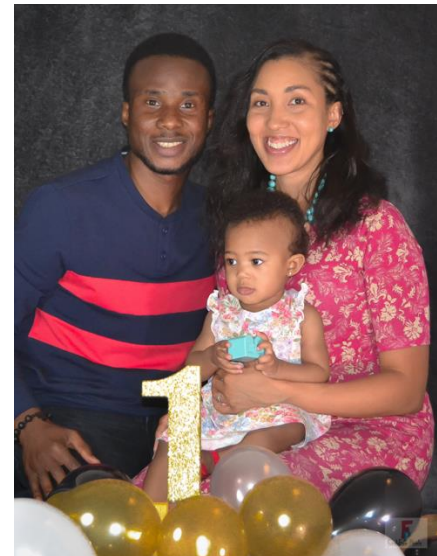
I love the ministry of presence this job affords me—the ability to listen and hold space for hope and recovery.

**What are the particular challenges of serving as a therapist in your context?**

Witnessing the struggle of people while being fully present and finding creative ways to engage my theological and spiritual/faith intervention ethically.

**How has your Gordon-Conwell education served you in your past and current work?**

I really would not be able to do this job without the integration of theology to mental health/psychology which Gordon-Conwell beautifully balanced in their practice and praxis. It has helped me to keep trying to approach the job as a "wounded healer."



**How has God woven together your Gordon-Conwell education with other life events to bring you to where you are now?**

I met my beautiful wife while working and studying at the Boston campus, and we now have the most joy filled child in the universe, Ayoka. All in all, God's divine leading to Gordon-Conwell has been the truth of my journey. His name be praised!

**What piece of advice would you give to young alumni who are beginning therapists?**

Practice your faith seriously and be open about its impact on your ability to do your job well. Find a group to support you and maintain strong internal and external boundaries on the job.

**Do you have any publications or links to share?**

Recent conference publication: [The Black Church's Liberation Theology Identity Formation and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Techniques](#)