



ARCA's 2025-2026 Webinar Series We are pleased to present on

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2026
12:00 P.M. — 1:00 P.M. EASTERN TIME**

“ADDICTION COUNSELING: JOHN HENRY & PAUL BUNYAN VS. THE STEAM ENGINE”

**PRESENTED BY
PAUL TORIELLO, RH.D., CRC, CCS, LAC-S, LPC**

Participants in the webinar will engage in a discussion of classic American values, their impact on our psychological health, and modern addiction counseling. This discussion will be framed in the context of natural intelligence vs. Artificial Intelligence (AI) and the corresponding threats and opportunities.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

- Participants will examine two classic American allegories to discern implications for modern addiction counseling.
- Participants will be able to compare and contrast how natural intelligence and Artificial Intelligence (AI) can meet universal psychological needs.
- Participants will, via discussion, discern ways to improve their natural intelligence and AI.

ABOUT THE PRESENTER. . . .

Dr. Paul Toriello serves as the Assistant Dean for Clinical Graduate Programs and is also a clinical professor in the [Department of Neuropsychiatry and Behavioral Sciences](#) at the School of Medicine Columbia (SOMC).



Before joining SOMC, Dr. Toriello served as the Chair of the Department of Addictions and Rehabilitation Studies at East Carolina University for 11 years. Other leadership roles at East Carolina University included five years as Director of the PhD in Rehabilitation Counseling and Administration Program and three years as Interim Assistant Dean for Research and Grant Administration in the College of Allied Health Sciences.

Dr. Toriello has led his team through accreditation by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs. He also served as a founding member of his college's Task Force for Interdisciplinary Education. He has started two student-operated, faculty-directed counseling clinics, and has a long history of successful funding for research grants focused on innovative interventions for persons with co-occurring addictions and mental health issues. Dr. Toriello has taught broadly at the undergraduate, master's, and doctoral levels since 2001. He is a past president of the American Rehabilitation Counseling Association.

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for the Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification (CRCC) and Certified Vocational Evaluation Specialists (CVE/CVES) continuing education clock hours. These CEs are part of a webinar series offered by ARCA from March 2024 through March 2025 under a single approval number. This webinar is also approved for the National Board of Certified Counselors (NBCC) continuing education clock hours. This presentation will be the last in our 2025-2026 webinar series. In March we will launch our 2026-2027 webinar series!

REGISTRATION FEES (includes CEs as applicable). . . .

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