

Brian Dobias is a Clinical Assistant Professor at Indiana University Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW) in the Counselor Education Program. He earned his B.A. and B.M degrees in Psychology and Music from MacMurray College and his MEd from IPFW.

A licensed school counselor, Mr. Dobias served as a counselor at Homestead High in Fort Wayne, Indiana for ten years. During that time, he created and directed The Spartan Mentor Program, a groups based cross-age mentor program with 75 upperclassmen mentors serving approximately 500 freshmen students. He has published on peer mentoring, school climate & connectedness, and prevention science applied to school settings. Recently, Mr. Dobias served as a co-facilitator for the Indiana Department of Education task group on Bully Prevention and Intervention.

Mr. Dobias' favorite activity in the summer is to train peer mentors, and over the last 12 years, he has trained over 1,000 mentors for a number of Indiana High Schools. His research areas of interest include empowering students to improve school climate and peer group facilitation curriculum. Currently he is engaged in the early stages of collaboration on research projects including the use of peer mentor programs as a delivery system for Growth Mindset curriculum and training paraprofessionals in group facilitation techniques.

Mr. Dobias is a member of the Indiana School Counselor Association, the American School Counselor Association, the American Counseling Association, the Association for Counselor Education and Supervision and the Association for Specialists in Group Work. He is a certified peer professional trainer/consultant and CPPE with the National Association of Peer Programs Professionals.

When he is not engaged in teaching or research, Mr. Dobias enjoys running, bicycling and making art.