

Allison M. Burton-Chase, PhD, Executive Director, To Life! Breast Cancer Education and Support Organization

Dr. Burton-Chase has a PhD in Gerontology and Aging Studies from the University of South Florida as well as a BS in Psychology from Louisiana State University. As of January 2025, Dr. Burton-Chase will be joining To Life!, a nonprofit breast cancer education and support organization, as its Executive Director. Prior to that, she has been a tenured Associate Professor of Behavioral Medicine in the Department of Population Health Sciences at Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (ACPHS), also serving as Chair of that Department from June 2021-July 2023. Additionally, she has served for 2 years as Program Director of the BS Public Health Program. Prior to joining ACPHS, Dr. Burton-Chase was a Post-Doctoral Research Fellow in Cancer Prevention at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center in the Department of Behavioral Science. After graduate school, she held a fellowship in Palliative Care at Duke University Medical Center and the Durham VA Medical Center. Dr. Burton-Chase's research focuses on the behavioral aspects of cancer prevention and survivorship in families with hereditary cancer syndromes. Specifically, she is interested in developing interventions to improve health behaviors in this population, with a focus on improving patient-provider communication. Recent projects include assessing advanced care planning in individuals with Lynch syndrome, examining screening behaviors and patient-provider communication regarding gynecologic cancer risk for women with Lynch syndrome, and determining factors that lead individuals with Lynch syndrome to terminate their provider relationships.

Dr. Burton-Chase has been an active member of ASPO since she was a post-doc at MD Anderson. At that time, her mentors introduced her to this professional organization by discussing its strengths in helping to develop early career scientists and its friendly annual meetings with many opportunities for networking. Those two characteristics quickly sold her on the importance of this organization, leading her to seek out additional opportunities to be involved. Dr. Burton-Chase has Chaired or Co-Chaired 4 Early Career sessions at annual meeting, served 2 years as the Early Career SIG Representative to the Program Committee, served 2 years as the Early Career SIG Vice-President, and served 2 years as the Early Career SIG President. Most recently, she has been serving as the ASPO Secretary-Treasurer since 2021. Dr. Burton-Chase also has been a member of the abstract review committee, served as an award judge, and been a panelist for 3 Early Career sessions. Recognizing the importance of using the ASPO pages that *CEBP* allots for this organization, she has been an author on 3 papers summarizing these Early Career sessions so that the information can be disseminated to a larger audience. If elected, she welcomes the opportunity to continue serving ASPO in the role of President-Elect.