Eri Bentley has devoted her academic and professional career to diversity and inclusion. She has served as a psychologist in USU’s Counseling and Psychological Services office for a decade, but her contributions span the entire campus and the student lifecycle. She is a liaison to the Access and Diversity Center, the Center for Community and Engaged Learning and Student Involvement, while also serving on many campus-wide committees, including the Sexual Violence Task Force and the Mental Health Working Group.

Remaining steadfast in her commitment to diversity and inclusion, Bentley has made the campus a better place to work, live and learn. In spring 2018, she was named chair of the Aggies Think, Care, Act coordinating committee, where she consistently stresses that diversity relies on an inclusive campus and that inclusion of one’s differences drives USU’s mission of learning, discovery and engagement. And while Aggies Think, Care, Act has existed in some form on campus for several years, Bentley has led the effort to bring it to the forefront of campus activities and increased campus-wide collaboration. In fall 2018, she chaired the organizing committee for the university’s Inclusive Excellence Forum. Bentley co-authored USU’s Principles of Community, which serves as a guiding document on the university’s values of diversity, human dignity and social responsibility.

Outside of the university, Bentley lives out her commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion in her professional life with service as a co-chair of the Special Interest Group Task Force for the American Psychological Association,