

Dr. Tony Latiker

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Dr. Tony Latiker is an Associate Professor in the Department of Elementary and Early Childhood Education at Jackson State University. Prior to coming to Jackson State University Dr. Latiker served as the Director of Teacher and Administrator Preparation, Coordinator of Migrant Education, and Coordinator of Rural and Low-Income Schools for the MS Department of Education. He has also served as an adult basic education instructor and online university instructor. Some of the highlights of his five year tenure at JSU include: participation in the development of the *Mississippi Beginning Teacher Support Train the Trainers Program & Guide*, publishing a chapter on African American college student persistence in Tony Manson's *Twenty Issues in Teaching African American Pupils: A collective Experience of What Works*, being selected as a 2009 University Scholar, being appointed to the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education Board of Examiners (NCATE BOE), serving as an Undergraduate Student Research Mentor, serving as a Service-learning Scholar, and serving as the Academic Coach for JSU's Call Me MISTER program.

Dr. Latiker has focused much of his research and service on activities designed to enhance student learning, program quality, and research and publication opportunities for candidates within the Department of Elementary and Early Childhood Education. One of the most significant contributions that Dr. Latiker made during his tenure was to spearhead the founding of the *Ruth Searcy Literacy Conference Monograph*. This monograph includes papers by JSU graduate students, public school teachers, and university faculty members that present at the conference each year.

Dr. Latiker is a 1997 graduate of Tougaloo College. He went on to receive his M.S. in Curriculum and Instruction and Ed.D. in Curriculum and instruction from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, OK. He is married to Mrs. Latisha Latiker and they have one son, Qadre.