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School, Community and Rehabilitation Counseling (SCRC) Highlights

The Department of School, Community and Rehabilitation Counseling (SCRC) has been very productive in the continuous preparation for accreditation of the School and Community Counseling Programs by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). The Rehabilitation Counseling program is accredited by the Council for Rehabilitation Education (CORE).

We are pleased to announce the addition of two faculty members who joined the Department during the Fall of 2005. Drs. Regina Fults-McMurtery and Nanolla Yazdani. Since 2003, the faculty has revised the Community Counseling curriculum to incorporate a 60 hour curriculum to facilitate accreditation and state counselor licensure requirements. Dr. Rannie Lewis contributed to the revisions in the Community Counseling program. Dr. Gloria Dansby-Giles serves on the Mississippi Board for Licensed Professional Counselors. Dr. Dion Porter is the Community Counseling Coordinator. A vocational coun-

seling endorsement has been added to the School Counseling curriculum to support a dual certification for school counselors. Dr. Gloria McLaurin-Fouche serves as the Coordinator for the School Counseling program. Dr. Frank Giles, Coordinator of Rehabilitation Counseling has been instrumental in maintaining CORE accreditation.

Faculty have revised admissions procedures, handbooks, hosted Advisory Board meetings and CACREP workshops and luncheons and visited Mississippi College Counseling and Psychology Department. Dr. Larry Loesch serves as the Department's CACREP Consultant from the Department of Counselor Education, University of Florida. The SCRC Department has been expanding counseling services and designing a state-of-the-art counseling laboratory. Through support from Information Technology, funds have been provided to support the laboratory. During the Fall 2005, department faculty developed the Accessible Counseling Entity (ACE) program to provide free counseling services at the Jackson Medical Mall for



Dr. Jean Farish-Jackson
Professor and Chair

hurricanes Katrina and Rita survivors. Rehabilitation and Community Counseling students provided services to support Jackson Mall staff and the Department.

The International Counseling Academic Honor Society, Chi Sigma Iota, Beta Omicron Chapter has been actively involved in recruitment, community service and research. Members of the Chapter have published in the Exemplar, international newsletter published by Chi Sigma Iota and

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The Graduate School has made valuable contributions and been very supportive at our student organization.

Since 2003, in my service as Acting Chair, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to our administrative Assistant, Ms Terri Harris, the faculty and students for building a premier Department to support the mission of the College of Education and Human Development and the University.



Dr. Nanolla Yazdani
Assistant Professor

The Department is pleased to announce the addition of two new faculty members. Drs. Nanolla Yazdani and Regina Fults-McMurtery.

A native of Shiraz, Iran, Dr. Nanolla N. Yazdani earned a Ph.D. from the Educational Psychology Department of Mississippi State University in 1984. He has worked extensively in the capacity of a psychologist in the Department of Cor-

rections, the Department of Human Services, and the Youth Court system.

Dr. Yazdani has been awarded several honors, including the Governor's Distinguished Service Award, and the Governor's Service Award for Employee of the Year. His areas of interest include developing programs for gifted youth, conducting research in the areas of creativity, ADHD, and SLD, and in developing counseling intervention strategies for these populations. Dr. Yazdani is a member of the American Counseling Association, the American Creative Counseling Association, and the Chi Sigma Iota Honorary Counseling Society International. Dr. Yazdani's personal interests include volleyball, soccer, and drawing, and he is a published novelist.

Dr. Yazdani teaches Psychodiagnosis

New Faculty Members Joins SCRC Team

& Treatment, Individual Testing, Marriage & Family Therapy, and Analysis of the Individual.

Dr. Regina Fults-McMurtery joined the SCRC team in the Fall of 2005. She is a former Tougaloo College and a Jackson State University graduate.



Dr. Regina Fults- McMurtery
Assistant Professor

She received her Doctorate in Counselor Education from Mississippi State University, in Starksville MS.

Dr. McMurtery currently teaches Internship in Counseling, Psychometrics, and Marriage and Family Therapy she also serves as the Clinical Coordinator for the Accessible Counseling Entity (ACE) counseling center at the Jackson Medical Mall. Dr. McMurtery is a Licensed Professional Counselor and a National Certified Counselor and holds memberships in various professional organizations including the American Counseling Association (ACA) and the Mississippi Counseling Association (MCA).

Her research interests include ethics and clinical supervision, violence against women among African Americans and African American males perceptions of attractiveness.

The Administrative Assistant Team



Ms. Terri Harris
Administrative Assistant
School & Community
Counseling

Ms. Terri Harris is from Louisville, Mississippi. She is a graduate of Rust College in Holly Springs, Mississippi. She has been a resident of Jackson, Mississippi since 1987.

Ms. Harris has been employed with Jackson State University since 2003. She has also worked for the Jackson Public School System for several years starting in 1996. She is the mother of two sons, 8 and 12 years of age. She is currently enrolled in the Community Counseling program at Jackson State University. Her goals are to receive a masters degree and become a licensed professional counselor and to be able to help the many people who have no one else to turn to

and/or just need assistance in coping with every day life.

Ms. Julia Cauthen has been the Administrative Assistant for the Rehabilitation Counseling program for a number of years. She aspires to be a counselor as well.



Ms. Julia Cauthen
Administrative Assistant
Rehabilitation Counseling

News Worthy

The Department of School, Community and Rehabilitation Counseling is happy to announce the opening of the Department Counseling Laboratory. The Lab has been equipped with the "state of the art" audio/video equipment second to none. Thanks to Dr. Mike Omoregie, Asso. V. P. for Information Technology, Dr. Willie Brown, V. P. Ofc. of Information Management and his staff, and Dr. Vevelyn Foster, Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs for their support and efforts to make this project a reality. The Department will host a brunch in their honor to express our appreciation for their commitment to excellence at JSU.

*"Great things
are done by a
series of small things
brought
together."*

-Vincent Van Gogh

SCRC and the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP)

The Department of School, Community and Rehabilitation Counseling has submitted its initial application for CACREP accreditation of the School and Community Counseling programs. The Department anticipates positive results in 2006.

It is the vision of SCRC to provide leadership and to promote excellence in professional preparation though the accreditation of our programs through CACREP. CACREP is committed to the development of standards and procedures that reflect the needs of a dynamic, diverse and complex society.

CACREP is dedicated to (1) encouraging and promoting the continuing development and improvement of preparation programs, and (2) preparing counseling and related professionals to provide service consistent with the ideal of optimal human development.

The mission of CACREP is to promote the professional competence of counseling and related practitioners through (1) development of preparation standards; (2) encouragement of excellence in program development; and (3) accreditation of professional preparation pro-

grams.

We believe in advancing the counseling profession through quality and excellence in counselor education; ensuring a fair, consistent, and ethical decision-making process; serving as a responsible leader in protecting the public; promoting practices that reflect openness to growth, change and collaboration; and creating and strengthening standards that reflect the needs of society, respect the diversity of instructional approaches and strategies, and encourage program improvement and best practices.

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First Annual Departmental Research Lecture Series

The Beta Omicron Chapter of Chi Sigma Iota Counseling Honor Society International within the Department of School Community and Rehabilitation Counseling, will sponsor its first annual Research Lecture Series to be held during the third week in March. The purpose of the lecture series is to allow for all of our Specialist students who

are completing theses or in the process of completing them to highlight their research and findings in front of a live faculty and student forum. Although the Specialist students will be the highlight of the event, the Research Series will be open to any other faculty member or Masters level student who may have some scholarly research or re-

search findings that they are willing to present.

Beta Omicron Chapter will also invite guest speakers and lecturers to head the event in order to attract potential guests outside of the University. Along with this lecture series, the Department is asking for any Specialist or Masters level students who are interested in either (cont. on page 3)



Chi Sigma Iota Beta Omicron Chapter Happenings

2005 was both a busy and exciting year for the Beta Omicron Chapter of Chi Sigma Iota Counseling Honor Society International, at Jackson State University. Dr. Dion Porter served as the Faculty Advisor with the Executive Committee consisting of the following: president Keisha Revies, vice-president Tiffany Anderson, secretary Ceneta Smith, public relations chair and co-chair Suzette Williams and Crystal Bingham, and the Treasurer John Conway.

One of the many activities which were held during the Spring semester included the Multiple Sclerosis (M.S.) walk. Eight members participated in a three-mile walk for Multiple Sclerosis, in which we also raised a total of 100

dollars for the cause. On April 15, 2005 the Chapter hosted its Second Annual Initiation Banquet, where three Departmental faculty members were initiated as well.

At the beginning of the Fall semester on October 6, the Chapter sponsored a Social Gathering in an effort to increase the awareness of Chi Sigma Iota at Jackson State University as well as increase membership. On November 11, 2005 the Chapter hosted its third Annual Fall Initiation Banquet where the last of the remaining Departmental faculty were initiated. The Initiation of ten new members increased the overall membership of the Chapter to well over 70 members on roll. The names of the last four initiation classes were immortalized with a plaque which is now displayed within the Department next to the original plaque with the names of the founding class of Beta Omicron Chapter of Chi Sigma Iota at Jackson State University.

Due to the devastating affects of

Hurricane Katrina, the Chapter seized the opportunity to give back to just a few of those who were both affected and displaced by this catastrophic event. This effort was completed through a community service project in which chapter members sponsored one displaced family from New Orleans, Louisiana. Some of the donated items included; cleaning supplies, clothing, toiletry items, and bedding. The Chapter president delivered similar items to the same shelter a second time prior to the end of the Fall Semester. Finally, two of our executive committee members; Tiffany Anderson and Suzette Williams had short write-ups published in the Fall-2005 issue of the Exemplar, which is the official Newsletter of Chi Sigma Iota Counseling Honor Society International. The write-ups are also displayed on the wall within the Department.

The Chapter advisor would like to thank all of the members for all of their hard work and diligence through what we saw as a very trying and

hectic semester. I would like to also thank the Department Chair, Dr. Jean Farish-Jackson, as well as the rest of the Departmental Faculty for all of their support and attendance throughout the entire year. The chapter looks forward to an even busier and more productive 2006, during which we will premier our first annual "Specialist Student Research Lecture Series," to be held in April of 2006.

Ms. Tiffany Anderson
Chapter Vice President



Dr. Dion Porter, Faculty Advisor

Tragedy Turns to Opportunity

When victims of the recent hurricanes become displaced the SCRC Department sieged the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of those that were effected. The birth of the Accessible Counseling Entity (ACE) Counseling Center, introduced this semester, has been a valuable addition to the Department. ACE, which is housed at the Jackson Medical Mall, was spearheaded by Drs. Jean Farish-Jackson and Nanolla Yazdani to address the counseling needs of

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita survivors.

ACE, a collaborative project with the Jackson Medical Mall, provided free counseling services to individuals affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The SCRC Faculty developed a series of workshop sessions designed to assist the survivors. Some of the topics included: Coping with Change, Coping with Loss and Stress and Anger Management.

Students enrolled in Internship also had the opportunity to use

this experience as a part of their field work. The interns received training on crisis management and on the policies and procedures of ACE. Interns assisting with the ACE project for the Fall 2005 semester were: Tiffany Anderson, Suzette Williams, Taj Cole, Mario Johnson, Delesia Walker, and Brenda Coward. We thank the students and Faculty for their willingness to assist with the ACE project.

"Success seems to be largely a matter of hanging on after others have let go."
-William Feather

Research Lecture Series (Cont. from page 2)

presenting some type of research or paper, or publishing a scholarly article with a faculty member, to please see a faculty member within the Department. Certain faculty members are interested in working with and mentoring both Specialist and Masters level students in the areas of presenting and publishing scholarly papers and manuscripts. The desired outcome of these collaborations will hopefully yield more faculty-student presenta-

tions at national conferences and workshops, as well as an increase in the number of publications in major counseling journals, newsletters and other publications.



Professor Receives Award

The faculty and staff of the Department of School, Community and Rehabilitation Counseling presented the "Outstanding Service" award to Dr. Gloria M. Fouche'. Dr. Fouche' was awarded for her dedication and outstanding service to the Department, the students and to the College of Education.

Dr. Fouche' is currently serving as the Coordinator of the School Counseling Program; Chair of the CACREP Accreditation Self-Study Review process; Chair of the Faculty

Search Committee; Member of the University Sexual Harassment Committee and Co-Editor of the "Informer" the Departmental newsletter.

She developed the manual for "ACE" the clinical facility operated by the Department located at the Jackson Medical Mall. She also produced the current Student Handbook and Student Advisement Manual.

The faculty agreed that this was an award well deserved. Dr. Fouche' has 10 years of service in the Department.

December 2005 Graduates

Specialist

Psychometry

Larry Thomas Luby

Anne Cote'

Masters

School Counseling:

Denise Rockett Cochran

Jonnie Denise Hardy

Community Counseling

Tiffany Catrice Anderson

Brenda Coleman

Ena Simone Goods

LaTarsha Henderson Michael

Stacey Nicole Roy

Delesia S. Walker

Eddie Wells

Rehabilitation Counseling

Kesha Revies Jenkins

Bulletin Board

Don't miss the deadlines— Make an appointment 'TODAY'
with your advisor

- ◆ February 10, 2006 Form III Due (May Graduation)
- ◆ March 2, 2006 Last Day to Submit Thesis
- ◆ March 11, 2006 Graduate English Competency Exam
- ◆ March 11, 2006 Area Comprehensive Exam
- ◆ March 21-28, 2006 Spring Break
- ◆ Mar. 30 -April 3, 2006 ACA Convention (Quebec, Canada)
- ◆ April MCA Convention
- ◆ May 5, 2006 Form IV Due (May Graduation)
- ◆ April 27, 2006 Year End Awards Banquet
- ◆ May 13, 2006 Commencement
- ◆ June 22, 2006 Form III Due (August Graduation)
- ◆ July 17, 2006 Form IV Due (August Graduation)

2005-06 Advisory Board Members

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Keisha Revies Rehabilitation Counseling



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