

The Graduate

A Publication by
The Graduate School
Jackson State University

a doctoral research intensive university

Volume 19, Issue 2
1877-2002

Spring 2002
125 years

Dean's Corner



2001-2002 was a great year for graduate education. The American Psychological Association granted accreditation to our doctoral program in Clinical Psychology. National and regional officials from NASA visited the campus for the opening of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Educator Resource Center. Research forums were conducted by graduate faculty members in Chemistry, Educational Foundations and Leadership, Environmental Science, International Programs, Political Science, Public Health, Public Policy and Administration, Social Work, Urban and Regional Planning, Alliance for Graduate Education in Mississippi (AGEM) and the Graduate Student Association. Student presentations and national awards from learned societies and professional organizations increased significantly. Student recognitions included awards from American Association of Higher Education (AAHE), and National Association of Social Workers. Fifty-seven new students were inducted into Phi Kappa Pi. Five undergraduates from Alpha Kappa Mu were admitted into three of our graduate programs. Graduate students and mentors assisted in the National Research Centers in Minority Institutions (RCMI) workshop which attracted more than 400 renowned scientists from the United States and foreign countries.

This issue of 'The Graduate' highlights several accomplishments in scholarship. I urge our community of scholars to continue to inspire our students, integrate ideas and connect thought to action.

JSU/ NASA Educator Resource Center

The opening ceremony for the Jackson State University/NASA Educator Resource Center (ERC) was held on March 26, 2002. The ERC will provide expert facilities and instructional materials to assist in-service teachers at all levels, access and utilize science, mathematics, and technology instructional products that are aligned with national standards and state frameworks, and on NASA's unique mission.

Dr. Evelyn White is the Dean of the School of Education. For more information on the Center, contact **Dr. Ivan Banks**, Associate Dean of Education, at (601) 979-2433.



Dr. David Powe, Manager of the Office of Education at the Stennis Space Center, presents a NASA pin to elementary school students from the Jackson Public Schools.

*First Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology
awarded by Jackson State University*

"An Empirically Derived Taxonomy of Chronic Pain Patients: Cluster Analysis of a Revised Version of the Multidimensional Pain Inventory"



Christine Sheffer

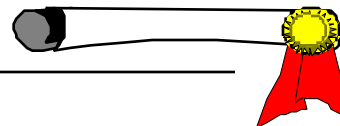
The classification of patients into meaningful groups is a fundamental of medicine and psychology. Meaningful classification is fundamental to effective case conceptualization and treatment planning. Cluster analyses of the Multidimensional Pain Inventory (MPI) have produced replicable taxonomic categories. Categorizing patients using the original MPI taxonomic system has had some success being able to predict which patients respond well to standard treatment. However, the psychometric properties of the original MPI have come into question recently.

The purpose of this dissertation was to perform a cluster analysis on a refined, more psychometrically sound version of the MPI. A new cluster analysis was performed on data from an heterogeneous population of patients with chronic pain. The data from the participants was split into two demographically equivalent samples. Support was found for three characteristic categories of patients: Interpersonally Focused, Stoic, and Adaptively Focused.

There are a number of features of this analytic study that support the possibility that these results reflect an improvement over the original system. The results of this analysis are derived from a complete, relatively stable, cross-validated item and scaling structure. This analysis also adhered closely to the traditionally accepted recommendations for adequate clustering procedures. The samples used in this study are also considerably larger than those used to generate the original taxonomy providing preliminary support for increased external validity. The categories generated by this study now need to be assessed for predictive validity.

Dr. Dollye M. E. Robinson is the Dean of the School of Liberal Arts; **Dr. Jeffrey Cassisi** chaired the dissertation committee and **Dr. Shih-sung Wen** is the Chair of the Psychology Department. They can be contacted at (601) 979-2371 for information on this and other on-going research in clinical psychology.

Spring 2002 Commencement



Candidates for the Doctor of Philosophy and Doctor of Education Degrees

Doctor of Philosophy Degree

Clinical Psychology

Christine Sheffer, M.A., B.A., University of West Florida; B.A., SUNY-Binghamton. *Dissertation*: "An Empirically Derived Taxonomy of Chronic Pain Patients: Cluster Analysis of a Revised Version of the Multidimensional Pain Inventory" Advisor - Dr. J. Cassisi.

Educational Administration

Sylvia Casin-Brown, M.S., B.S.Ed., Jackson State University. *Dissertation*: "Black Females and the Superintendency: Barriers Encountered and Strategies Utilized to Secure the Superintendency" Advisor - Dr. D. Landers.

Loria Crowder-Brown, M.S.Ed., B.S., Jackson State University. *Dissertation*: "A Profile of African American Superintendents" Advisor - Dr. L. Jones.

Orian Cathey, M.A., Jackson State University; B.S., Mississippi Valley State University. *Dissertation*: "Peer Tutoring: Impact on Students' Attitude Toward Mathematics and Mathematic Achievement". Advisor - Dr. L. Jones.

Theophilus King, M.S., Jackson State University; M.Div. Columbia Theological Seminary; B.S., Mississippi Valley State University. *Dissertation*: "Collective Teacher Efficacy: Its Impact on Student Achievement in a Selected School District" Advisor - Dr. D. Lander.

Kay McClure, M.S.Ed., B.S.Ed., Jackson State University. *Dissertation*: "Barriers Affecting Women in Their Quest for School Administrators' Positions in Mississippi". Advisor- Dr. C. Bishop.

Princess Ndow, M.S., Jackson State University; B.Ed., Bristol University; B.A., Dalhousie University. *Dissertation*: "Principals' Perceptions of Student-to-Student Sexual Harassment in Selected Urban High Schools in Mississippi" Advisor - Dr. L. Jones.

Trudy Shepard, M.S., B.S., Jackson State University. *Dissertation*: "Ethical Decision-Making Practices Among Higher Education Administrators in the Southeastern United States". Advisor - Dr. L. Jones.

Evelyn Thompson-Neal, Ed.S., Jackson State University; M.S.Ed., Prairie View A&M University; B.S., Paul Quinn College. *Dissertation*: "Elementary School Teachers' Decision-Making Involvement and Their Job Satisfaction" Advisor - Dr. C. Bishop.

C. Cleveland Trussel, M.S., Jackson State University; B.S., University of Southern Mississippi. *Dissertation*: "A Comparative Study of Selected Division I Athletic Directors' and Senior Women Administrators' Perceptions Toward Gender Equity in Intercollegiate Sports". Advisor - Dr. C. Bishop.

Bobbie Walker, M.A., B.S., Jackson State University. *Dissertation*: "Public Relations Professionals' Perceptions of Factors Associated with Image Building in Higher Education Institutions". Advisor - Dr. L. Jones.

Viola Williams, M.S., Jackson State University; M.A., B.A., Mississippi Valley State University. *Dissertation*: "The Effects of Teacher-Parent Contact on Students' Attendance, Behavior and Reading Achievement". Advisor - Dr. L. Jones.

Public Administration

Nycole Campbell-Lewis, M.S.W., University of Southern Mississippi; B.A., University of Mississippi. *Dissertation*: "Analysis of the Effects of the Adoption Safe Families Act of 1997 on the Public Child Welfare System: The Case Study of the Mississippi Adoption Program". Advisor - Dr. F. Liddell.

Charles Hicks, Jr., M.A., Jackson State University; B.S., Radford University. *Dissertation*: "The Role of Professional Staff in the Decision-Making Process: A Case Study of the Hinds County Comprehensive Planning Process" Advisors - Dr. L. Frances and Dr. F. Lidell.

Tazinksi P. Lee, M.S., B.S., Grambling University. *Dissertation*: "The Myth and Reality of Affirmative Action: A Study Using the Perceptions of Female Police Officers in the Three Largest Cities in the Mississippi Delta" Advisor - Dr. C. Moreland-Young.

Doctor of Education Degree

Early Childhood Education

Dorothy Hearon, M.S.Ed., B.S., Alcorn State University. *Dissertation*: "An Analysis of Home-Based and Center-Based Head Start Programs". Advisor - Dr. B. Coleman.

Anthony B. Johnson, M.S.Ed., Jackson State University; B.S., University of Southern Mississippi. *Dissertation*: "The Effects of Repeated Exposure to Violence on Children's Sense of Self Efficacy". Advisor - Dr. I. Banks.

SPRING 2002 GRADUATES

Fredrika Uahengo, M.S. in Educational Administration and Supervision. After graduation, Ms. Uahengo will return to Namibia and take up her post as the Head of Department of Mathematics and Science at Ongwediva College in Oshakati. She is grateful for the experience in the Graduate School, which will enrich her career as an administrator.



Famuyide Mobolaji and Oyebela Abiodun, Masters of Public Health, will be moving to New York, Dr. Mobolaji to start his residency in Internal Medicine and Dr. Abiodun her residency in Pediatrics.



Rodney G. Denne, M.S.Ed. in Technology Education. He is currently employed by JSU as the University Computer Lab Coordinator. By adding the masters' degree in Technology Education to his B.A. in Accounting, he plans to be a catalyst of change. Mr. Denne feels it is important to increase the acceptance of technology as a tool in education.



Jeffrey D. Aldridge, Master of Professional Accountancy. His degree from Jackson State has prepared him to tackle the CPA exam. He plans to pursue more senior-level corporate management opportunities.

Christine Sheffer, Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology. Ms. Sheffer is an instructor in the School of Dentistry at UMMC. She is conducting research as a part of the Comprehensive Tobacco Center examining two systemic tobacco intervention programs in federally funded primary care clinics.



Marie Brooks, Master of Social Work. She has passed the licensure exam and is seeking employment in the Jackson area.



Jeremy Ward, M.S. in Communicative Disorders. He will be a speech language pathologist.



Clarence L. Hayes, M.S. in Guidance and Counseling. Mr. Hayes is employed by JSU in the Office of Marketing and Recruitment. He plans to become a counselor in the public school system.

Cheryl Boyd, Master of Business Administration. Ms. Boyd is employed as a Senior Internal Auditor for Saks, Inc.



Cedric D. Eubanks, Master of Music Education. He is currently teaching music at a private studio in Jackson. Mr. Eubanks plans to earn a doctoral degree.



Wanda D. Fears, Ed.S. in Educational Administration and Supervision. Ms. Fears' goal is to become a professor in the area of educational administration. The specialist degree will allow her to obtain a "AAA" administrative license.

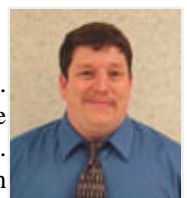


Leslie Taylor, M.S. in Guidance and Counseling. Ms. Taylor is the JOB Counselor for Holmes Community College.

Rhonda Cook, M.S. in Chemistry. Ms. Cook will pursue a career in analytical chemistry, concentrating on the application of mass spectroscopy to toxicology or environmental chemistry.



Jerry Vardaman, Master of Public Health. He will seek employment with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. Mr. Vardaman wants to promote public health within the nation's workforce.



Graduate Student News

Educational Administration

Two doctoral students in Educational Administration, **Ms. Connie Dixon** and **Ms. Fran Bridges** presented, "Post-Secondary Pedagogical Skills: An Assessment" at the Louisiana Educational Research Association (LERA) Meeting on February 28, 2002. This presentation was derived from the preliminary findings from a pilot assessment of Post Secondary Generic Pedagogical Skills. Data was gathered from a survey completed by Institutional Research and a sample survey of twenty-five JSU professors.

Social Work

Ms. Nicole Claiborne, a second-year MSW student, was the recipient of the Outstanding Graduate Social Work Student of the Year Award and the Distinguished Social Work Graduate Student Award, presented by the Mississippi Chapter, National Association of Social Workers during its annual conference on March 22, 2002 at the Jackson Hilton.



Early Childhood Education

Mr. Anthony B. Johnson, a doctoral candidate in Early Childhood Education, was selected as one of three doctoral students in a national competition to be honored by the American Association of Higher Education's Black Caucus. The recipients received a cash prize, one year membership in AAHE and AAHE Black Caucus, and a plaque. Mr. Johnson presented findings from his dissertation research at the AAHE National Caucus held in Chicago, March 15-18, 2002.



Mississippi Academy of Sciences Meeting

The Sixty-Sixth Annual Meeting of the Mississippi Academy of Sciences was held February 21 and 22, 2002 in Biloxi. Among the graduate students making presentations at the meeting were:

Afrachanna Butler (Biology): "Influence of EGTA on Cadmium Uptake by Wheat", co-authors- C.J. Young, R. J. Warren, U.T. Griffin and B.F. Crudup. Faculty Advisors - Dr. Maria Begonia and Dr. Greg Begonia.

Ana Balarezo (Doctoral -Environmental Science): The Effect of Humic Acid on Microbial Ecotoxicity of 1-Aminopyrene during Solar Photolysis Process" co-author - V. Jones. Faculty Advisor- Dr. Huey-Min Hwang

Rowshan Begum (Biology): "Selective Cytotoxicity of Arsenic and Cadmium on HEPG2 and Rat Primary Liver Cells: Differential Response to Pifithrin". Faculty Advisor - Dr. I. Farah.

Mary L. Hall (Clinical Psychology): " A Comparison of the Performance of African-American Preschoolers and the Standardized Population on the Fluharty-2 Preschool Speech and Language Screening".

Rommel Benjamin Research Symposium

The Department of Sociology held its 5th Annual Rommel Benjamin Research Symposium on April 24 in the Dollye M.E. Robinson School of Liberal Arts Building. **Dr. CoSandra McNeal**, Assistant Professor of Sociology, was the presiding officer. Graduate student presenters were:

Tanya Gladney (Sociology): "Locations of Neighborhoods as a Mitigating Factor in the Prevalence of Physical Disorders Conducive to Juvenile Delinquency"

Sue Dear (Sociology): "The Effects of Alcohol Use, Drug Use, Family History of Criminal Behavior and Gang Involvement on Extent of Delinquency"

Tammie Wells (Sociology): "Social Correlates of Delinquency"

Iraki Waithaka (Business Administration-Doctoral): "Economics and Meritocracy: An Analysis Into Intelligence of Nations".

Jean Baptiste K. Dodor (Business Administration-Doctoral): "An Exploration of the Impacts of e-Commerce on the Educational System of HBCU Business Schools".

Yvonne Ellis (Business Administration-Doctoral): "African-American Business Students' Perceptions of the First Introductory of Accounting Principles Course and its Impact on Their Decision to Choose Accounting as a Major."

Cecil Hill (Business Administration-Doctoral): "State Regulators' Perceptions of Independence of External Auditors When Performing Internal Audit Activities for Their Non-SEC Clients".

Dr. Dollye M.E. Robinson is the Dean of the School of Liberal Arts and **Dr. V. V. P. Rao** is the Chair of the Sociology Department.

School of Business Awards Banquet

The 19th Annual Awards Banquet was held April 11. This event recognized the outstanding accomplishments of the students, faculty, staff and administrators during the academic year. Most Outstanding Graduate Awards were presented to: **Shilpa Sunkara**, Master of Business Administration, and **Jeffrey D. Aldridge**, Master of Professional Accountancy. **Koffi Dodor** was honored as the Most Outstanding Ph.D. student in Business Administration. The speaker for the evening was Senator Barbara M. Blackmon.

Dr. Glenda Glover is the Dean of the School of Business, **Dr. Jesse Pennington**, Director of the Graduate Business Programs, and **Dr. Jean-Claude Assad**, Director of the doctoral program in Business Administration.

Alpha Epsilon Lambda

The Alpha Mu Chapter of Alpha Epsilon Lambda, a graduate student honor society, is seeking to reactivate. Alpha Epsilon Lambda was founded by former officers of the National Association of Graduate-Professional Students specifically to honor academic excellence and leadership by graduate and professional students. For information, contact the Graduate School at 979-2455.



Recognition

AGEM honored the JSU participants in the '2002 Winter Symposium' on March 6, 2002 (See *The Graduate*, V. 19, Issue 1). Each honoree received a *Certificate of Recognition* signed by **Dr. Dorris R. Robinson Gardner**, Dean of the Graduate School, and **Mr. Lamar Reed**, Coordinator of AGEM-JSU.

Regional Science Fair

JSU hosted the 2002 Region II Science Fair on April 21 and 22, 2002. AGEM Scholars served as category judges in the areas of chemistry and environmental science. Chemistry: **Judge Brown, Glake Hill** and **Generique Stewart**. Environmental Science: **Gareth Forde, Barbara Graham, Lamar Reed** and **Terrence Wright**.

Scientific Investigation Workshop

A "Scientific Investigation Workshop" was conducted by **Dr. Jeffrey D. Zubkowski**, Associate Dean of the Graduate School, on April 18, 2002. Three scenarios dealing with responsible conduct in research were investigated by the participants. This workshop is based on the booklet, "On Being a Scientist: Responsible Conduct in Research", published by the National Academy of Science. Participating in the workshop were: **Patricia Robinson, Katherin Robinson** and **Shironda Thorne** (Biology); **Lamar Reed** and **Terrance Wright** (Environmental Science); **Generique Stewart** (Chemistry); **Lindsey Smith** (Georgia State); **Dr. Mark G. Hardy** and **Dr. Hongtao Yu**.

Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society

The Jackson State Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi held its induction ceremony on April 16, 2002. A total of 57 new members were inducted by Chapter President **Dr. Joseph Cameron**. The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi is dedicated to the recognition and promotion of academic excellence in all disciplines of higher education.

The graduate students inducted were:

Accounting: **Jeffrey Aldridge**
Biology: **Corunda Pruitt**
Criminology and Justice Services: **Miranda Westbrook**
Educational Administration: **Mary B. Myles**
Elementary Education: **Cassandra Barrett, Valerie Green** and **Gwendolyn Jones**
English: **Eddie Beard-Caston**
History: **Alford Moses**
Public Health: **Rolanda Watkins**
Rehabilitation Counseling: **Kescher Love**
Secondary Education: **Jamilliah Longino**
Special Education: **Veronica Brown**

GRE Workshop

A GRE Preparation Workshop was conducted by **Dr. Arthur Jefferson**, Director of Psychometric Services, on April 9, 2002. The workshop was attended by junior and senior undergraduates and first semester STEM majors. The session included a Warm-up activity, GRE registration process, GRE Make-up, Test Taking Strategies and a series of practice test items.

Doctoral Student Retreat

The state AGEM hosted a retreat April 12-14, 2002 at LeFleurs' Bluff State Park for minority doctoral students. The retreat was designed to bring scholars together from across the state to meet and participate in experiential learning exercises. Activities at the retreat focused on team-building, communication, leadership and motivation.

The students were allowed to express "off the record" concerns about their graduate experiences. By working together to find solutions, the retreat offered

positive reinforcement to the scholars's academic careers. Representing Jackson State were: **Ketia Shumaker, Waneen Dorsey, Teresa Washington**, and **Terrence Wright** (Environmental Science) and **Judge Brown** (Chemistry).



Graduate Student Appreciation Week April 1-5, 2002

The Graduate School honored Spring 2002 graduates with cumulative 4.0 grade point averages and the presidents of student organizations on April 3, 2002. A total of nineteen graduate students with 4.0 averages received a certificate of "Outstanding Academic Leadership" signed by **Dr. Dorris R. Robinson-Gardner**, Dean, and **Dr. Joseph Martin Stevenson**, Provost.

Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor Society

The Jackson State Chapter of Alpha Kappa Mu held its induction ceremony on April 18, 2002. A total of 37 new members were inducted. "The Challenge" to the new members was delivered by **Dr. Dorris Robinson-Gardner**, Dean of the Graduate School. Four of the new members have been accepted by various graduate programs at JSU. The Honor Society of Alpha Kappa Mu is one of the oldest and most prestigious honor societies established among historically black colleges. It recognizes and rewards high academic achievement and encourages productive citizenship.

For more information, contact the Chapter Advisor, **Dr. Ruben Gentry**, at 979-2247.

International Festival Week

The theme for the 2002 International Festival was, "Celebrating Unity, Diversity and a Commitment to World Peace." During the week of April 15-19, a variety of activities were held, including a Symposium of International Issues (April 15 & 16), a Model United Nations (April 17), the Parade of Flags and International Bazaar (April 18) and the International Night of Dance (April 18).



Mr. Jaiwei

The week culminated with Scholarship Banquet on April 19. The "Dag Hammarskjold Security and Peace Award" was presented to **Mr. Jaiwei Bu**, (MBA-1992). This award is presented to an International Alumnus who has made a significant contribution to the internationalization of Jackson State.

The recipient of the 2002 "Ralphe Johnson Bunche Award" was **Mrs. Belinda DeCuir Mason**. This award is presented to the individual who has contributed the most to the internationalization of Jackson State. The co-chairs for this year's festival were **Dr. Mohamed Shahbazi** (left), Assistant Professor of Public Health and **Mrs. Mason** (right). **Kenton W. Keith**, former Ambassador to Qatar, was the keynote speaker at the Scholarship Banquet. For more information, contact the Office of International Programs at 979-3791.



Research Centers in Minority Institutions 2002 Spring Symposium

Jackson State University hosted the Research Centers in Minority Institutions (RCMI) 2002 Spring Symposium and Workshop April 24 and 25, 2002 at the Hilton Hotel in Jackson. The theme of the conference was, "Recent Advances in Environmental Health Research: Health Disparities, Toxicology and Carcinogenesis." For more information on the Symposium, contact **Dr. Abdul K. Mohamed**, (Dean of the School of Science and Technology) at (601) 979-2153 or e-mail: jsurcmi@jsums.edu.

School of Social Work - Research Conference

The School of Social Work conducted a research conference with the theme, "Rethinking Family: New Directions for Research and Intervention" April 11 and 12, 2002 at the Mississippi e-Center. For more information on the conference, contact the School of Social Work - Ph.D. Program at (601) 432-6828 or visit their website at: <http://jsums.edu/~ssw>. **Dr. Gwendolyn S. Prater** is the Dean of the School of Social Work, **Dr. Susie Spence** is the Director of the Ph.D. Program in Social Work.

JSU - Howard University

Howard University's Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professorate visited JSU February 28 - March 1, 2002 with 28 doctoral scholars. **Dr. Orlando Taylor**, Dean of Howard's Graduate School, led the delegation accompanied by the program's coordinator, **Dr. Michael Radis**.

Dr. Joseph Martin Stevenson, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, spoke to the visitors on "From Degree, to Delivery, to Development: Professorial Leadership in the Academy." During the visit students met with JSU faculty in their academic areas. The activities for the visit were coordinated by the Graduate School.

Graduate Faculty News

Dr. Loretta Moore, Associate Professor and Chair of Computer Science, was honored during the *Women of Mathematics, Engineering, and the Natural Sciences (WOMENS)* luncheon on November 27, 2001. The University of Mississippi's AGEM program saluted four women serving as department chairs at Mississippi universities.



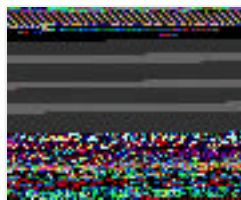
Dr. Marie O'Banner-Jackson, Assistant Professor of English, and **Dr. Lealan Swanson**, Associate Professor of Art, were inducted into the Jackson State University Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi. Faculty members are selected for membership in recognition of their dedication to and promotion of academic excellence at the university.



Dr. Hongtao Yu, Associate Professor of Chemistry, has published, "UVA Light-Induced DNA Cleavage by Isomeric Methylbenz[a]-anthracenes" with **Peter Fu** (National Center for Toxicological Research), **Dr. Huey-Min Hwang** (Biology) and **Shiming Dong, Rujendra Shirsat**, and **Dr. Jerzy Leszczynski** (Chemistry). The paper appeared in *Chemical Research in Toxicology*, 2002, Vol. 15, pages 400-407.



Dr. George Amedee, Assistant Professor of Political Science, published a paper in *Politics & Policy*, 2001, Vol. 29, page 620-636, on "Afrocentric Perspectives on Political Participation and Leadership in Louisiana Prior to 1965," with Robert B. Albritton.



Dr. Evelyn White, Dean, and **Dr. Ivan Banks**, Associate Dean of the School of Education presented a paper, "Promoting Excellence Through Shared Responsibility" at the annual meeting of the American Association for Higher Education, March 15-18, 2002.

NCATE Corner

The National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) as a part of the accreditation process, requires that the appropriate specialty associations review specific programs for the preparation of teachers and other school personnel. Currently eighteen associations, such as the National Council for Social Studies, have NCATE approved standards for specific disciplines.



In order to be approved by the appropriate association(s), Jackson State University must provide evidence that candidates in these programs know the subject matter and how to teach it effectively.

The following programs have been approved by NCATE.

- Mathematics Education
- Elementary Education
- Social Studies Education
- Early Childhood Education Doctoral Program
- Educational Administration & Supervision, Master of Science and Specialist Programs
- English Education
- Special Education
- Physical Education

These review results will serve as a primary source that JSU programs meet NCATE's Standard 1, which requires that candidates have acquired the content, pedagogical, and professional knowledge, skills and dispositions necessary to help all students learn. For more information, contact **Dr. Donna Lander**, Assistant Professor of Educational Administration, at 979-2351.

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

P.O. Box 17095
1400 J. R. Lynch Street
Jackson State University
Jackson, MS 39217
e-mail: gadmappl@ccaix.jsums.edu

Graduate Student Library Initiatives

Dr. George Grant, Dean of Libraries, addressed the February meeting of the Graduate Council. He discussed several initiatives the Library will work on with faculty and students.

These include:

- Identifying general categories of graduate student library needs that are not met by existing library and information services.
- Analyzing each of the categories of student needs identified.
- Identifying specific service and resource requirements to address those needs.
- Identifying special space, facilities and services that will enhance graduate student success in a "research intensive" university environment.

For more information on the H.T. Sampson Library, visit the Library's website at <http://sampson2.jsums.edu>.

The Graduate School

- Dr. Dorris R. Robinson-Gardner, Dean
- Dr. Jeffrey D. Zubkowski, Associate Dean
- Mr. Curtis Gore, Coordinator, Graduate Admissions
- Ms. Charlotte Wallace, Coordinator, Student Services
- Ms. Sarah Foote, Coordinator, Administrative Services
- Ms. Frankie Adams, Secretary
- Mr. Lamar Reed, Coordinator, AGEM-JSU

Jackson State University is committed to the principles of equal educational opportunity, equal employment opportunity, and affirmative action. The University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, handicap, age, religion, national origin, veteran status, or on any other illegal basis.