Major Accomplishments in Academic Year 2013 – 2014

During the 2013 academic year, the faculty completed a number of accomplishments including manuscript submission, symposia, poster presentations, grant submission and procurement, etc. A number of the aforementioned accomplishments were joint efforts with psychology graduate and undergraduate students (faculty names in bold font and graduate student names are underlined). Additionally, there were some interdisciplinary collaborative efforts. A collective overview of major accomplishments includes the following:

- 6 (60%) psychology faculty members submitted 8 grant applications totally approximately $3.6 million.
- Three psychology professors received intramural grant funding from the Center of Undergraduate Research and Center for Scholars (total = 5).
- One federally-funded grant ended in October 2013.
- Several journal articles and abstracts published. Please note that some manuscripts are presently under review.
- Psychology faculty presented six research papers at scientific conferences.
- About 11 graduate students presented at local, state, and national scientific/professional meetings. The total number of student posters is approximately 115. The total research talks and/or clinical presentations by doctoral students is 5.

A. Scholarly Activities

A.1: Poster Presentations and Symposia


7. **McIntyre, K. A., Brookins, C. W., Bell, T. P., Lowery, A. D., Cartwright, P. M., & Gregory, P. C.** Feasibility of implementing a music therapy program with paralyzed clients. Symposium presented at the 2013 Annual Meeting of the Mississippi Psychological Association, Gulfport, MS.


14. **Riggins, R., Mena, L., Nunn, A., Chiles, R., Bell, T., Williams, B., et al.** (2014). Religion and Spirituality As Predictors of High Risk Sexual Behavior Among African American Men Who Have Sex with Men in Mississippi", has been accepted as a Poster presentation at 2014 National STD Prevention Conference in Atlanta, GA.


**2.1: Publications**


HIV+ African Americans in Mississippi. Poster presented at the annual Health Disparities Conference at Teachers College, Columbia University, New York, NY.


B. Faculty Grant Procurement

Faculty members have been extremely vigilant in seeking intramural and extramural funding. During 2013, faculty members authored and/or co-authored grant applications that procured funding in the excess of $360,000. There are a number of grant proposals that eventually were not funded, but some are still under review. All in all, faculty members continue to seek funds to support their research and academic interests. Six of the 10 psychology faculty members wrote grant applications as PI or co-PI and submitted 8 grant proposals for extramural funding. Three faculty members received intramural funding to conduct research projects.

B.1: Funded Grant Proposals

1. MARC - Intramural grant for three mentees: Mentor: Dr. Bell, $14,500
2. CUR – Intramural grant, PI: Dr. Bell, $7,500
3. CUR - Intramural grant, PI: Dr. Moore, $7,500
4. University Scholars Program – Intramural grant: PI: Dr. Moore, $15,000
5. Intramural grant, PI: Dr. McLin, $7,500
6. SAMSHA grant, Co-author: Dr. Sly, PI: Ms. McNeal, Amount $300,000 yearly, 10/1/2013-9/30/2016 Minority Serving Institutions in Partnership with Community Based Organizations. Role: Project Evaluator, Funding Agency: Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration
7. Dr. Bell – Project Director; PI – Reginald Riggins; Funding Agency: The Miriam Hospital, $12,658

B.2: Under Review and Unfunded Grant Proposals

1. Hampton University Regional Transdisciplinary Collaborative Center: Minority Men’s Health Issues (HU-TCC:MMHI) PI: Bryman Williams, $208,780 Under Review
3. Project Title: Diagnosing Conceptual Changes in Minority STEM majors for Improved Educational Practices, PI: Francis Tuluri, Co-PIs: Stephanie Doan, Judy James, Michael T.
Moore, Jarrod Moss, & Giselle Thibaudeau, Agency: National Science Foundation, Status: Not funded


5. Dr. Banks co-wrote a grant application with Dr. Hongtao Yu (PI) in the role of Co-PI. Agency: NIH, submitted May, 2013, Reviews received September 2013, Title: Building Infrastructure Leading to Diversity (BUILD) Planning Grant, Proposed Amount: $200,000 Not funded

6. Dr. McLin – PI; Funding Agency – NSF Title: Interdisciplinary Emergency Management Research Experiences in the Urban Environment, Not funded

7. NSF 13-516, HBCU-UP QEM, RIA, Building a Cell Model of the Effects of Physical Exercise on Neurochemicals and Baroreceptor Activity (Dr. Bell, PI) (Under Review)

8. NSF 13-555, EHR Core Research, Cultivating Awareness and Resilience through Education in STEM (Dr. Bell, PI; Dr. McLin, Co-PI) (Under Review)

C. Graduate Student Fellowship & Scholarship Procurement

Since 2012, we have experienced a surge in the number of attempts by our graduate students to apply for intramural and extramural funding. The year 2013, by far, has been the most rewarding academic year for our students, in terms of fellowship and scholarship procurement.

1. Reginald Riggins – Awardee of R25 grant
2. Reginald Riggins – American Psychological Association Minority Fellowship Program
3. Ana Bruton – Recipient of the Air Force Health Scholarship
5. James Fisher – Recipient of the Jackson Heart Study’s Daniel Hale Williams Scholarship
6. James Fisher – APA Division 45 Representative at JSU
7. James Fisher – Psi Chi WPA Regional Travel Grant for the 60th Annual Meeting of Southeastern Psychological Association (SEPA), April 2014

D. Faculty & Student Honors and Awards

During the 2013 academic year, several faculty, undergraduate, and doctoral students received prestigious awards, honors, and fellowships. In particular, the psychology department faculty received the most awards during the first annual CLA Excellence Award Event.

D.1: Faculty
1. Dr. Chiles – CLA Award Recipient for Advisement
2. Dr. Pate – CLA Award Recipient for Professional Service
3. Dr. Sly – CLA Award Recipient for Grantsmanship
4. Dr. Williams – CLA Award Recipient for Services University Service
5. Dr. Bell – CLA Award for Graduate Teaching
6. Dr. Bell – One JSU Excellence Award
7. Dr. Bell – JSU Innovate Award

D.2: Graduate Students

1. Nathan Harper – Outstanding Dissertation Award in the CLA Excellence Award event