Major Accomplishments in Academic Year 2014 – 2015

During the 2014 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. Scholarly Activities

A.1: Poster Presentations and Symposia


5. Shaffer, J., Williams, B., Bell, T., and Riggins, T. (September 2014). Examining the Relationship among Recalled Experiences of Bullying and Reported Symptoms of Distress in Young Adulthood. A poster presented at the 2014 Mississippi Psychological Association Convention, Gulfport, MS.

6. Andrea Laikin, Taunjah P. Bell (Department of Psychology, Jackson State University), Cynthia Karlson (Department of Pediatrics, Division of Hematology/Oncology, University of Mississippi Medical Center), and David Elkin (Department of Psychiatry and Human Behavior, University of Mississippi Medical Center). Examination of [the effects of] family factors on body mass index in children with oncology and hematology conditions. Poster presented at the 2015 Annual Meeting of the Society of Behavioral Medicine, San Antonio, TX (April 22, 2015-April 25, 2015).

7. Krystal Mooney, Shelby Saddler, Jazmine Thomas, Jyesha Marshall, Gabriella Mason, and Taunjah P. Bell, Ph.D., Department of Psychology, Jackson State University. Effects of meditative practices such as mindfulness meditation and Vinyāsa yoga on physiological responses, brainwave patterns, and spatial reasoning abilities. Symposium
presented at the 2015 Annual Meeting of the Jackson State University Center for Undergraduate Research, Jackson, MS (Thursday, April 9, 2015).

8. Maurcia D. Braddy, Dawn Camel, Roger McDowell, II, Stacie Hopkins, Tecola Bradley, B.S., Jessica Evans, B. S., Lysle Whiteman, B.S., and Taunjah P. Bell, Ph.D., Department of Psychology, Jackson State University. Effects of rap music on cultural identity, anxiety, mindfulness, self-esteem, and aggression in students at a historically black university. Symposium presented at the 2015 Annual Meeting of the Jackson State University Center for Undergraduate Research, Jackson, MS (Event Date: Thursday, April 9, 2015).

9. Bell, Taunjah, PhD. Presenter for the 2015 National Alliance on Mental Illness Conference, Jackson, Mississippi (Presentation Title: Neural mechanisms underlying non-pharmacological interventions; Event Dates: Thursday, May 14, 2015-Friday, May 15, 2015)


13. Debra Pate, Ph.D. Provided the presidential address to the Society for the History of Psychology (Division 26 of the American Psychological Association), presented in August 2014.


### A.2: Publications


### A.3: Publications/Posters Under Review


2. **Dawkins, M.** (Presenter) **Kearns-Cooper, T.** (Mentor) APA Conference 2015. Myths Regarding Suicide: Literature Review, What we know thus far and how it relates to suicide prevention from a public health perspective.


5. **McLin, D.,** Bradley, R., Goldzweig, I., Levine, R., Brookins, C., Juarez, P., & Samaniego, V., are finalizing paper from past research project involving seatbelt use. Service learning, media intervention, and community engagement to increase teen seat belt use: A quasi-experimental trial.

6. **Banks, P.** Abstract submitted to the Association of Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies (ABCT) for a roundtable discussion on "Developing Multicultural Competencies: Implications for Clinical Training Programs". The meeting will be held in Philadelphia, PA in November, 2015.


13. **Hudson, K.** Submitted abstract to conduct state conference presentation entitled, “Growing up in an addict home: why do I struggle with roles, relationships, and identity?.” Under review

**B. Faculty Grant Procurement**

Faculty members are very aware of the emphasis of seeking intramural and extramural funding. During 2014, faculty members authored and/or co-authored grant applications through the use of inter- and intra-departmental collaborations. 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.

**B.1: Funded Grant Proposals**

1. JSU Advance – Dr. Reese-Smith, $10,000
2. JSU Advance – Dr. Bell, $10,000

**B.2: Under Review and Unfunded Grant Proposals**

1. **Dr. McLin** and **Dr. Banks** – Health Career Opportunities Program (HCOP) grant (1.6 million over 3 years)
2. **Dr. Banks** and Dr. Orey - Collaborator and Consultant on an NSF grant for psychophysiological equipment in studying a psycho-political topic; responsible for the intervention component and submitted a subproject on examining the effects anxiety management techniques on anger reduction.
3. Dr. Bell and Dr. McLin – Department of Health and Human Services National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS), Innovative Programs to Enhance Research Training (IPERT) Research Education Program (R25), PAR-14-170, 5-year award period with no budget limit
4. Dr. Bell and Dr. Schweitzer – NAMI Center for Excellence, NAMI Research Fellows Award, 5-year award period for a total of $300,000 with $60,000 awarded annually
5. Dr. Hudson collaborated with JSU’s Alcohol and Drug Studies on a grant that is currently 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 2014 was a rewarding academic year for our students, in terms of fellowship and scholarship procurement.

1. James Fisher – Daniel Hale Williams Scholars Program Researcher, Jackson Heart Study Graduate Training and Education Center, Jackson State University, Jackson, MS, 2014 – 2016
2. Milton Dawkins – Daniel Hale Williams Scholars Program Researcher, Jackson Heart Study Graduate Training and Education Center, Jackson State University, Jackson, MS, 2014 – 2016
4. Trisha Arnold – Awardee of R25 grant
5. Princeton Smith – Daniel Hale Williams Scholars Program Researcher, Jackson Heart Study Graduate Training and Education Center, Jackson State University, Jackson, MS, 2015 – 2017 Scholarship
6. Princeton Smith – APA Division 45 Representative at JSU
7. Andrea Laikin – Representative for APA’s Division 54, Society for Pediatric Psychology (SPP)
8. Ana Dowell – Awarded the United States Air Force Health Professions Scholarship Program (HPSP) – second year award

D. Faculty & Student Honors, Awards, and Accomplishments

During the 2014 academic year, several faculty, undergraduate, and doctoral students received prestigious awards, honors, and fellowships.

D.1: Faculty

1. Dr. Bell – Pardee RAND Graduate School Summer Faculty Workshop in Policy Research and Analysis
2. Dr. Banks – 2014-15 JSU Excellence Award Nominee/Recipient for Leadership/Service in the College of Liberal Arts
3. Dr. Reese-Smith - UAB Geriatric Education Center Faculty Scholars Program
4. Drs. Bell and Reese-Smith – JSU Advance Awardees

D.2: Graduate Students

1. Alexis Davis – Helped to charter and found the first Association of Black Psychologists (ABPsi) Student Circle at JSU
2. Alexis Davis - Served as the president of ABPsi Student Circle at JSU
3. Alexis Davis - Greek Life and it’s connection to the African Culture panel discussion (hosted at COFO, panelist consisted of undergraduate students, graduate students, faculty from JSU, and community members)
4. Alexis Davis - Helped organize, and put on the 1st ABPsi Student Circle at JSU Psychology Conference
5. Alexis Davis - Graduate Student Research Award, 2014 Mississippi Psychological Association Convention, Biloxi, Mississippi
6. Andrea Laikin - American Psychological Association’s Division 54’s Society of Pediatric Psychology Network of Campus Representative (NCR) Campus Representative for Jackson State University.
7. Andrea Laikin - Journal of Pediatric Psychology (JPP) Junior Reviewer - A part of a mentoring program for the JPP where I conduct mentored reviews for peer-reviewed manuscripts submitted to JPP.
8. Kaitlin Portz - Graduate Student Poster Award, Mississippi Psychological Association, September 2014
9. Ashley King-Profit - DBT presentation given at State Wide Providers Meeting (February 2015)
11. Jade Shaffer – Abstracts accepted at three conferences.

E. Student Scholarly Activities

E.1: Poster Presentations and Symposia

1. Bologna, E. Presentation for Athletes: Developing Good Coping Skills to Diminish Stress, Spring 2015, Jackson State University.


Concept to Focus on Constructive Action,” New York, NY.


19. Roberts, C., King-Profit, A., and Wheeless, L. Health Status of Students & Faculty on Factors Leading to Chronic Diseases on a Historically Black College Campus.


38. **McIntyre, K.** Panel member for the Council of Federated Organizations (COFO) Center at JSU’s Hot Topic Tuesday Discussion Panel: Depression, Suicide, and Mental Illness: Breaking the Myths in the Black Community (April, 2015)


43. **Smith, M., Searcy, J., Graves, E., Megason, G., & Elkin, D.** (August, 2014). Associations of Psychological and Demographic Factors among Long Term Survivors of Pediatric Cancer. Poster presented at the 122nd annual meeting of the American Psychological Association Conference, Washington, DC.

44. **Hadley, R.** ABCT entitled A Preliminary Examination of the Moderating Role of Gender in the Relations among PTSD, Emotional Expressivity, Emotion Dysregulation, and Aggression in African American Individuals.

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### E.2: Publications


3. Sarah MacCarthy, ScD, MS,1 Leandro Mena, MD,2 Philip A. Chan, MD,1 Jennifer Rose, PhD, MA,3 Dantrell Simmons, MA,1,4 Reginald Riggins, MPH,1,4 Michael Hoffmann,1 Amaya Perez-Brumer, MS,5 Nicholas Chamberlain,2 and Amy Nunn, ScD, MS1. 2014. Sexual Network Profiles and Risk Factors for STIs Among African American Sexual Minorities in Mississippi: A Cross-Sectional Analysis. LGBT Health, 0, 1-6.

**E.3: Publications/Presentations Under Review**


