

Dr. Brian E. Anderson, an Associate Professor of Social Work at Jackson State University (JSU) and adjunct professor at Hinds Community College is an experienced educator and social worker. Dr. Anderson serves as a Council on Social Work (CSWE) site visitor, as well as a member of the CSWE Council on Leadership Development. In 2014, he was elected as a Board Member with the Association of Baccalaureate Program Directors. As a past-elected Board Member, Brian serves on the National Association of Social Workers – Mississippi Chapter Ethics Committee. Before arriving at JSU, Dr. Anderson performed as the program director of the Department of Social Work at Mississippi College. Being a well-rounded scholar, Dr. Anderson has been a basketball coach on both the high school and collegiate levels. Furthermore, Dr. Anderson has served in the U. S. Army National Guard as a Dental Specialist and the U. S. Army Reserve as a Medical Combat Service Support commissioned officer, in which he served as the unit's Executive Officer. Desiring to give back to the community, Brian has significant volunteer experience, including the Youth Leadership Jackson Board of Governors, Pigskin for Stewpot and Mission Mississippi. Considered as an expert in the field of Social Work, he has provided his expertise to media outlets, including the Clarion Ledger, a local newspaper outlet, on such topics as poverty, foster care, and homelessness. Honored on numerous occasions, Dr. Anderson has received the "Invisible Giant" Award, sponsored by the Mary S. Nelums Scholarship Foundation, the Advisor of the Year Award, and Social Work Educator of the Year in 2009 and 2014 by the Alabama/Mississippi Social Work Education Conference. He is an experienced conference presenter and has published academic articles. Dr. Anderson's research interests include African-American Studies, child welfare, civic engagement, community and youth violence, school social work, welfare of sports (mental health of athletes).