Dissertations Completed 2001-2015


Major Professor: Dr. Laurie Lawson


Major Professor: Dr. Susie A. Spence


Major Professor: Dr. Safiya R. Omari


Major Professor: Dr. Susie A. Spence

Birore, C. (2013). Social environmental and psychological influences on adjustment to the university and persistence toward a bachelor’s degree attainment among African-American students

Major Professor: Dr. Susie A. Spence


Major Professor: Dr. Ruth M. Williams


Major Professor: Dr. Julie Schroeder

Major Professor: Dr. Susie A. Spence


Major Professor: Dr. Safiya R.Omari

Estis, T. C. (2008). Hitting rock bottom: The necessary crisis experience for physicians, nurses, pharmacists, and attorneys to confront their addictions

Major Professor: Dr. Olga Osby

Gillespie, R. (2002). A comparative study of the impact of services satisfaction for African American mentally ill patients, families, and social workers

Major Professor: Dr. Edith Williams


Major Professor: Dr. Olga Osby

Hester, C. F. (2007). Factors affecting single women’s decisions to become unwed mothers

Major Professor: Dr. Ruth M. Williams


Major Professor: Dr. Shondra Lawrence


Major Professor: Dr. Safiya Omari


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Major Professor: Dr. Susie A. Spence


Major Professor: Dr. Olga Osby


Major Professor: Dr. Eunkyung Yoon


Major Professor: Dr. Gauri Bhattacharya


Major Professor: Dr. Ruth M. Williams


Major Professor: Dr. Olga Osby


Major Professor: Dr. Shonda K. Lawrence


Major Professor: Dr. Safiya R. Omari


Major Professor: Dr. Olga Osby
**Pilkinton, M. W. (2007).** Pregnant substance users: The role of social supports, the effects of TANF sanctions and a comparison of urban vs. rural differences in use of supportive structures

Major Professor: Dr. Olga Osby

**Saulsberry, P. H. (2003).** Racial socialization, academic performance, and social adjustment in African American youth: A multivariate analysis

Major Professor: Dr. Safiya R. Omari

**Savage, J. (2003).** Keeping the promise of permanence: Older child permanent placement stability predicted from externalizing behavior and adaptability

Major Professor: Dr. Ruth M. Williams

**Sims-Johnson, M. (2003).** Developmental, abuse, and structural predictors of runaway behavior among African American adolescents

Major Professor: Dr. Susie A. Spence

**Singleton-Walker, C. (2007).** Exploring the life experiences of overweight and obese adolescents in Mississippi: An African American perspective

Major Professor: Dr. Mary S. Nelums

**Smith, G. (2001).** Factors associated with employment of single African American mothers receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

Major Professor: Dr. Ruth M. Williams

**Walls, P. (2004).** Multiculturally competent practice: Are BSW students adequately prepared?

Major Professor: Dr. Alan Bougere


Major Professor: Dr. Safiya R. Omari

**West, Jr., G. E. (2009).** A geographical and racial comparison of spiritually use among social workers

Major Professor: Dr. Olga Osby

    Major Professor: Dr. Susie A. Spence


    Major Professor: Dr. Safiya R. Omari


    Major Professor: Dr. Susie A. Spence