

Division of Graduate Studies – Jackson State University
Dr. Dorris R. Robinson-Gardner, Dean

Dissertations: 2007 – 2008

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Business

Donald Causey “ A Study of Market Concentration and Relative Prices of Long-Term Care in Mississippi”
Advisor: Dr. Fidel Ezcala-Harrison

Kelly Weeks “Analyzing Relationship Among Management Product Mix and Product Route and Profitability Using a Reverse Logistics Approach” Advisor: Dr. Dharam Rana

Chemistry

Gopala K. Darbha “Nanomaterial Based Sensor for Environmental Protection” Advisor: Dr. Paresh C. Ray

Manliang Feng “Resonance Raman Spectroscopy and Electrochemistry of Heme Proteins” Advisor: Dr. Hiroyasu Tachikawa

Tomekia M. Simeon “Computational Study of Doped Carbon-Based Materials”
Advisor: Dr. Jerzy Leszczynski

Clinical Psychology

Kathy Crockett “Assessment of Stigma and Social Behaviors Among African American College Students Towards Individuals With HIV” Advisor: Dr. Melvin Davis

Robert Storer “Validating the Influence of Social and Contextual Factors on Women’s HIV Sexual Risks and Enhancing Outcome Prevention Interventions”
Advisor: Dr. John Askew

Educational Administration

Cassandra Mae Banks “Evidence of Instructional Program Coherence in Selected Mississippi Reading First Schools”
Advisor: Dr. Darlene Thurston

- Rasheda Bell-Wells “The Impact of Alternative Teaching Styles on Academically Challenged Student's Achievement”
Advisor: Dr. Carrine Bishop
- LaSian C. Chase “Comparative Analysis of Servant Leaders and Teacher Effectiveness in Order to Promote a Positive Learning Environment” Advisor: Dr. Sidney McLaurin
- Jill I. Dent “A Census of Parent Involvement Programs in Mississippi Delta Public Elementary Schools”
Advisor: Dr. Donna Lander
- Gwendolyn A. Lindsey-Ginn “The Impact of Enrollment of Students Displaced by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita on Mississippi Public Schools”
Advisor: Dr. Donna Lander
- Janice M. Monroe “The Impact of Implementation of Teacher Leadership in the Mississippi Delta” Advisor: Dr. Donna Lander
- Cassandra Renee Shelling “A Phenomenological Study of Responses by School Administrators to Address School Culture in Northeast Louisiana” Advisor: Dr. Darlene Thurston
- La'Toya Smith-Scott “Corporal Punishment as a Form of Discipline Used in Schools” Advisor: Dr. Donna Lander
- Shimelle Amie' Thomas “Teacher Recruitment Strategies in Selected Critical Need Districts in the State of Mississippi”
Advisor: Dr. Carrine Bishop

Environmental Science

- Konsuela Y. Glass “The Cellular and Molecular Mechanisms of 2,4-Dinitrotoluene and 2,6-Dinitrotoluene Toxicity in Human Liver Carcinoma (HepG2) Cells”
Advisor: Dr. Paul Tchounwou
- Gloria S. Miller “Enhanced Phytoextraction of Lead from a Contaminated Soils: Combined Effects of Lead and Chelated on Soil-Lead Solubility, Uptake and Translocation, and on the Growth of Sesbania Exaltata RAF”
Advisor : Dr. Gregorio Begonia

Cecilia R. Newsome-McGowan “Copper Induced Biochemical and Toxic Effects on Human Liver Carcinoma Cells (HEPG2)”
Advisor: Dr. Paul Tchounwou

Public Administration

Moye Godwin Bongyu “Impact of Heavily Indebted Poor Countries (HIPC) Initiative on Human Development”
Advisor: Dr. Johnny Gilleylen, Sr.

Catherine J. Estis “Transportation Access and Unemployment: An Application of the Spatial Mismatch Theory in Deep South Urbanized Areas” Advisor: Dr. Johnny Gilleylen, Sr.

Dorothy E. Fon “Role of Rural Women in Arable Small-Scale Sustainable Agriculture, Resource Accessibility and Use: A Case Study of the North West Province, Cameroon”
Advisor: Dr. Bennett Odunsi

Victor D. Sutton “The Impact of Social Behavioral and Environmental Factors on Overweight and Obesity Among African American Women in Mississippi”
Advisor: Dr. Bennett Odunsi

Social Work

Thomas C. Estis “Hitting Rock Bottom: The Necessary Crisis Experience for Physicians, Nurses, Pharmacists, and Attorneys to Confront their Addictions” Advisor: Dr. Olga Osby

Carolyn Hester “The Influences that Effect Single Women and their Decisions to Become Unwed Mothers”
Advisor: Dr. Ruth M. Williams

Cynthia P. Honore-Collins “African American Maternal Drug Offenders and Their Children” Advisor: Dr. Shonda Lawrence

Melinda Walls Pilkinton “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” Advisor: Dr. Olga Osby

Catherine M. Singleton-Walker “Exploring the Life Experiences of Overweight and Obese Adolescents in Mississippi: An African American Perspective” Advisor: Dr. Mary Nelums

Carolyn A. Watson-Perkins “Hearing Their Voices: Understanding Spirituality Among HIV/AIDS Infected African American Women in the Lower Mississippi Delta” Advisor: Dr. Safiya R. Omari

Urban Higher Education

Linda R. Bourgeois “Mississippi Native Voices: Degrees of Reflection Toward the Terminal Degree” Advisor: Dr. Joseph M. Stevenson

Marcus A. Chanay “The Impact of Three Selected Student Service Programs on Participation and Satisfaction: A Historically Black University Perspective ”
Advisor: Dr. Joseph M. Stevenson

Cindy E. Darby “The Influence of Two Social Capital Factors on the Persistence of Minority Students at Community Colleges”
Advisor: Dr. Joseph M. Stevenson

Melissa Druckrey “Academic Libraries and Computer Centers: A Multi-Site Case Study to Assess Convergence within the State University Library System”
Advisor: Dr. Darlene Thurston

Kenneth E. Hollins “The Participation of Inmates in Post-Secondary Correctional Education” Advisor: Dr. Walter A. Brown

Kendricks D. Hooker “An Assessment of the Job Satisfaction of African-American Male Faculty at a Historically Black Institution and a Predominantly White Institution”
Advisor: Dr. Barbara Johnson

Curtis Johnson “An Empirical Assessment of the Perceived Level of Preparedness for Natural- Man Made Disasters Among Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning”
Advisor: Dr. Mary M. White

Susan M. Johnson “Factors That Influence African American Faculty Work at a Predominantly White Institution”
Advisor: Dr. Barbara Johnson

Roddrick D. Jones	“Learning Styles of Online and On-Campus Students” Advisor: Dr. Barbara J. Johnson
Anthony V. Junior	“Higher Education and Community Development Case Study of An Urban Institution” Advisor: Dr. Ronald Mason, Jr.
Tracy T. Mims	“What Factors Influence Persistence of Males at a Predominantly White Southern Rural University” Advisor: Dr. Barbara J. Johnson
Mary F. Mitchell- Moton	“Effectiveness of Developing Entrepreneurship for Community College Students in the Memphis Tennessee Area” Advisor: Dr. Darlene Thurston
Francis A. Offiong	“A Study of Faculty Attitudes Toward Online Education” Advisor: Dr. Darlene Thurston
Alfreda Hunt Payne	“Alumni Perspective on Short-Term Study Abroad: A Case Study of People to People Student Ambassador Programs” Advisor: Dr. Barbara Johnson
Beryl D. White Polk	“An Investigation of Factors that Influence Students’ Participation in Community Service-Learning University” Advisor: Dr. Johnnie Mills-Jones
Tina L. Prelow	“Healthcare Students: An Analysis of the Willingness to Work with the Elderly” Advisor: Dr. Mary M. White
Darrin Q. Rankin	“Understanding Faculty and Student Perception, Attitudes and Beliefs About Regarding Factors Impacting Freshman Retention, at a Private Urban HBCU . Advisor: Dr. Darlene Thurston
Theresia Ratliff	“An Assessment of Support Service Needs of Adult Learners Majoring in Social Work Attending Selected Mississippi Universities” Advisor: Dr. Johnnie Mills-Jones
Dovie F. Reed	“Examining the Role of Community College on Workforce Readiness: Competencies Perceived by the Manufacturing Industry as Essential in the New Economy” Advisor: Dr. Mary M. White

Doris Clark-Sarr “ Institutional Climate Effect on the Academic Success of African American Students at Predominantly White Colleges” Advisor: Dr. Walter Brown

Sunny C. Smith “Multimedia in the 21th Century: Factors that Influence Teaching Convergence in Journalism and Mass Communications Programs at Historically Black Colleges and Universities” Advisor: Dr. Darlene A. Thurston

LaToshia R. Stamps “A Regression Analysis of Persistence of Non-Traditional Students at Selected Historically Black Colleges and Universities in Mississippi” Advisor: Dr. Walter Brown

Gwendolyn Thompson-Rogers “Urban Early College High Schools in North Carolina: A Multi-Site Case Study”
Advisor: Dr. Walter Crockett

Kevin L. Williams “The Effectiveness of Cognitive and Non-Cognitive Predictors for Academic Success for First-Year Students”
Advisor: Dr. Walter Crockett

Urban and Regional Planning

Angela Gobar “The Impact of Human Capital Development on Achievements of Saving Goals in Individual Development Account Programs” Advisor: Dr. Mukesh Kumar

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

Early Childhood Education

Sandra Baylis-Fountain “The Effects of a Writing Process Approach for the Instruction of Language Arts with Learning Disabled Elementary Students” Advisor: Dr. Linda Channell

Dorothy J. Whitley “ A Study of Teacher’ Attitudes Towards the Arts Education Curriculum in Selected Urban Schools in Mississippi: Advisor: Dr. Jianjun Yin