

Division of Graduate Studies – Jackson State University
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Dissertations: 2008 – 2009

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Business

- Vincent Mangum “Black Elected Officials and Black-Owned Firms: Does Black Political Power Translate Into Black Economic Power” Advisor: Dr. Maury Granger
- Christopher J. Mathis “Social Support, Work-Family Balance, and Employee Performance: An Empirical Investigation of the Moderating Effects of Racioethnicity” Advisor: Dr. J. R. Smith
- Susanne Toney “An Empirical Investigation of the Impact of Amenities on County Level Migration: An Intra-MSA Study Visual Basic Interface for the Boe-Bot/BS2 Platform” Advisor: Dr. Maury Granger
- Aaron Witherspoon “Do Public Accounting Recruiters of Entry-Level Accountants From HBCU’s Perceive AACSB International Accreditation an Important Attribute in the Recruitment Process” Advisor: Dr. Quinton Booker

Chemistry

- Sureshbabu Dadiboyena “Strategies Towards The Synthesis of Potentially Bio-Active Spiroisoxazolines” Advisor: Dr. Ashton T. Hamme
- Olexander Isayev “Theoretical Study on Nitroaromatic and Related Compounds: Properties, Reduction and Decomposition” Advisor: Dr. Jerzy Leszczynski
- Ali Jabalameli “Dynamic Study of Biuret and its Thioanalogs: NMR Spectroscopy and Quantum Mechanical Calculations” Advisor: Dr. Richard Sullivan
- Eric McClendon “Synthesis of Spiro-Isoxazolines Via Intramolecular Cyclizations” Advisor: Dr. Ashton T. Hamme

Charity N. Mosley “Light-Induced Toxicity of Cosmetic Ingredient Chemicals: Phenylenediamines, 2-Phenylbenzimidazole, and 3,3-Dichlorobenzidine” Advisor: Dr. Hongtao Yu

Brian Napolion “Ab Initio Predictions of the Structure and Properties of Prototypical Reactive Sulfur-Containing Species of Atmospheric Significance Using Coupled-Cluster Methods” Advisor: Dr. John D. Watts

Yuliya Pauku “Theoretical Studies on the Biological Activity and Detoxification of Organophosphorus Compounds” Advisor: Dr. Jerzy Leszczynski

Gernerique Truly “Photodegradation of Nitro-Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons and the Identification of Their Photo-Products” Advisor: Dr. Hongtao Yu

Shuguang Wang “Phototoxicity and Photochemical Reaction of Aromatic Compounds” Advisor: Dr. Hongtao Yu

Clinical Psychology

Cindy L. Duncan “The Physical and Psychological Well-Being of Elderly Survivors of West Nile Virus” Advisor: Dr. Debra Sue Pate

Annie Tyasha Smith “Psychological Predictors of Breast Self-Examination in African American Women Under the Age of Forty” Advisor: Dr. John Askew

Brian Lamar Turner “Assessment of Coping Styles, Daily Hassles, and Ethnic Identity in African Americans” Advisor: Dr. John H. Askew

LaShun Alexandria Young “Material Depression and Parenting Stress: Implications for Childhood Obesity” Advisor: Dr. Debra Sue Pate

Educational Administration

Earlene Moore Bradford “The Impact of Special Education on School Leadership: From Policy to Practice” Advisor: Dr. Darlene Thurston

- Denise LaChelle Donnell “Teacher’ Perceptions of Individual Preparedness to Teach At-Risk Students’ Advisor: Dr. Darlene Thurston
- Jacqueline Frazier-Harper “An Investigation of Mississippi Educational Leaders: Capacity to Use Technology”
Advisor: Dr. Carrine Bishop
- Aarion L.Gray “Experience that Promote the Success of African-American Males in Special Education”
Advisor: Dr. Darlene Thurston
- Asako Imai “A Case Study of Korean Students in Osaka Japan: Identify Factors that Influence Success”
Advisor: Dr. Darlene Thurston
- Oksana Mahecha “A Descriptive Study of English Language Learner Teacher’s Perception About Program and Services”
Advisor: Dr. Donna Lander
- Chalmers W. Mayers, Jr. “African American Teachers’ Perceptions of Segregation, Integration, and Resegregation on a Municipal School District in a Deep-Southern Town”
Advisor: Dr. Carrine H. Bishop
- Kimberly S. Robinson “Perceptions of School Climate in Mississippi Alternative Schools Serving at Risk Youth”
Advisor: Dr. Darlene Thurston
- Valerie R. Williams “Teachers’ Perceptions of Personal, Pedagogical and Social Contributors of African American Male Achievement”
Advisor: Dr. Darlene Thurston

Environmental Science

- Falicia L. Edwards “Cellular and Molecular Mechanisms of Parathion and Methyl Parathion Induced Cytotoxicity in Human”
Advisor: Dr. Paul Tchounwou / Dr. Kenneth Ndebele
- Pamela D. Moore “The Cellular and Molecular Mechanisms of Malathion Induced Toxicity in HepG2 Cells and Sprague Dawle”
Advisor: Dr. Paul Tchounwou

Ntombekhaya J. Ntoni “Chelate-Mediated changes in Metal Solubility affect uptake and Translocation of Cadmium by Wheat”
Advisor: Dr. Maria F. Begonia

Wendy Brown White “The Relationships Between Smoking and Pulmonary function in the Jackson Heart Study”
Advisor: Dr. Ramzi Kafoury

Public Administration

Bridgette S. Stasher Booker “An Evaluative Insight at Mississippi’s Response to the Olmstead V. L. C. Case”
Advisor: Dr. Johnnie Gilleylen

Esther W. Stokes “An Assessment of Racial and Gender Diversity Compliance Mississippi Eight Public Universities Progress Towards Faculty Diversity, 1993-2003”
Advisor: Dr. Bennett A. Odunsi

Social Work

Meherum N. Laiju “Parental Attachment, School Bonding, Self-Control, and Self-Esteem as Predictors of Delinquent Behavior among Adolescents” Advisor: Dr. Susie A. Spence

Sandra T. O’Neal “Africa Death Communication among African Americans and its Role in Coping with Grief”
Advisor: Dr. Olga Osby

Della Edwards Wills “Cultural Barriers to Help -Seeking Behaviors Among African American Women with Depression”
Advisor: Dr. Olga Osby

Kimberly A. Zammitt “Assessing Social Workers’ Attitudes toward Gay Men and Lesbians: An Implicit Approach”
Advisor: Dr. Susie A. Spence

Urban Higher Education

Carl O’Neal Brown “The Critical Skill Needs of Infant and Toddler Educators as Perceived by Practitioners and Higher Education Faculty” Advisor: Dr. Johnnie Mills-Jones

Delicia D. Brown	“An Investigation of the Relationship Between Five Selected Variables and Alumni Giving at Historically Black Universities” Advisor: Dr. Walter Crockett
Kriste K. Flowers	“Civic Engagement Analysis of Baccalaureate Graduates From an Urban Public Institution” Advisor: Dr. Walter A. Brown
Edrene McCarty Frazier	“First Amendment Freedoms and Campus Newspaper Censorship Influences: An Examination of Selected Court Cases from 1994- 2007” Advisor: Dr. Joseph Martin Stevenson
Ricki R. Garrett	“Women Trustees: Finding a Voice for Their Unique Perspective in the Governance of Higher Education” Advisor: Dr. Walter A. Brown
Howard O. Gibson	“Factors that Influence Mississippi’s Business Incubator Participants to Persist in the Operation of a New Venture Creation” Advisor: Dr. Johnnie Mills-Jones
Edwina Harris Hamby	“Unsung Sheroes: The Women Who Shaped Tougaloo College From 1869 to 1979 and Influenced Women Leaders in Education” Advisor: Dr. Walter A. Brown
Timothy E. Johnson	“The Socialization Process of International Faculty in the United States” Advisor: Dr. Barbara J. Johnson
Teresa A. Jones	“Influences on the College Choice Process of African American Male Community College Students” Advisor: Dr. Barbara J. Johnson
Jerald Jones-Woolfolk	“College Choice: Influence on the Predisposition of African American Students in a Rural School District to Attend College” Advisor: Dr. Joseph Martin Stevenson
Javis Knott	“Educational Experiences of at Risk Students in Pursuing a Post Secondary Education” Advisor: Dr. Barbara J. Johnson
Velma M. Lewis	“Faculty Participation in Institutional Decision Making at Two Historically Black Institution: A Multi-Site Case Study” Advisor: Dr. Walter Crockett

Toni T. Lowe “The Socialization Experience of African American Female Faculty in STEM Disciplines at Historically Black Colleges and Universities” Advisor: Dr. Walter Crockett

Rodney K. Mills “Historically Black Universities with Masters of Business Administration (MBA) Degree Programs: An Examination of Perceptions about the Importance of Selected Skills to Job Preparation” Advisor: Dr. Walter Crockett

Rosa Rodriguez-Stevenson “Influences Affecting Persistence of Mexican American Women in Attainment of a Baccalaureate Degree”
Advisor: Dr. Barbara J. Johnson

Melva K. Turner “The Road Less Traveled: How Rural African American Students Choose College”
Advisor: Dr. Barbara J. Johnson

Darrol J. Woods “The Responsiveness of Athletic Directors to Various Constituents in Meeting Departmental Goals”
Advisor: Dr. Barbara J. Johnson

Urban and Regional Planning

LaRhonda Odom “Black Women in Planning: The Experiences that Influence the Decision to Enter the Planning Profession”
Advisor: Dr. Angela Frusciante

DOCTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Public Health

Patricia A. Frye “A Qualitative Study of HIV Risk-Taking Behaviors among Students at an Historically Black University”
Advisor: Dr. Chris Arthur

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

Early Childhood Education

- Mary Ann Bailey “Characteristics of Effective Elementary Schools in a Selected Urban School District in Mississippi”
Advisor: Dr. Benjamin Ngwudike
- Teresa Banks “Teachers’ Perspectives of the Effectiveness of the Teacher Support Teams in Urban Elementary Schools”
Advisor: Dr. Benjamin Ngwudike
- Alfred Eugene Boyd, Jr. “An Analysis of Socioeconomic Status as a Factor of Low Educational Attainment” Advisor: Dr. Jianjun Yin
- Carrie Brown-Ford “An Assessment of Risk Indicators Among Urban Youth and Its Impact on Academic Achievement”
Advisor: Dr. Rodney Washington
- Theresa Bland Green “Discipline and Its Effect on the Reading Performance of Second African American Male Students in a large School District” Advisor: Dr. Vivian Taylor
- Patricia Riley Kennedy “Parental Influence and Its Affect on Obesity Prevalence in Children” Advisor: Dr. Vivian Taylor
- Matthew Lynch “Perceptions of Male Early Childhood Teachers and its Impact on Recruitment and Retention in Head Start Programs” Advisor: Dr. Rodney Washington
- Ester J. McCoy “A Comparative Analysis of the Utilization of Language Arts Strategies of Elementary 3-5 & Middle School 6-6 Teachers in the State of Mississippi”
Advisor: Dr. Benjamin Ngwudike
- Kalanya Miller Moore “A Narrative Case Study of Developmentally Appropriate Integrated Literacy Assessment Strategies of Twelve Rural Mississippi Early Childhood Teachers”
Advisor: Dr. Vivian Taylor
- Mary Tonore “The Prevalence of Word Finding Difficulties (WEB) in Students Exhibiting Poor Oral Reading Performance”
Advisor: Dr. Linda Channel.