

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

Dissertations: 2006 – 2007

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Business Administration

- Koffi Dodor “An Integrative Model of Organizations’ Responsiveness to Innovations: Theory and Empirical Test Using Business Schools’ Responses to e-Commerce Education”
Advisor: Dr. D. S. Rana
- Kelley M. Duncanson “A Comparative Analysis of the Nature and Prediction of Job Satisfaction, Life Satisfaction, and Purpose in Life on Organizational Citizenship Behavior in the Banking Industry: A Cross-Cultural Study”
Advisor: Dr. J.R. Smith
- Robert L. Gillon “Analyzing Relationships Among Competitive Advantage, Supplier Selection Strategies in Product Categories and Organizational Performance”
Advisor: Dr. D. Rana.
- Nicholas Hill “Is It Really Safe Sex? Analyzing the Casual Link Between Contraceptive Usage and Crime Rate”
Advisor: Dr. M. Granger.
- Lurlene B. Irvin “Measuring the Performance of Section Eight Rental Housing Subsidies”
Advisor: Dr. G. Grass Fulgham
- Lisa Ann Micich “An Empirical Study of the Effect of Organizational Citizenship Behavior on Employee Withdrawal Behavior”
Advisor: Dr. J.R. Smith.
- Tony Mutsune “Understanding the State of US International Competitiveness: A Study of Total Factor Productivity and Trade Performance Indicators”
Advisor: Dr. F. Ezeala-Harrison
- Mihai Nica “A Study of Metropolitan Business Location Patterns in the United States” Advisor: Dr. F. Ezeala-Harrison

Vikki Natasha Wilkins "The Moderating Effects of Generalized Self-Efficacy on the Relationship Between Perceived Weight Discrimination and Employee Attitudes and Behavior"
Advisor: Dr. A. Mosley

Donna Williams "Perceptions of Equity: An Analysis of the Relationship Between Organizational Justice and Performance Outcomes" Advisor: Dr. A. Mosley

Chemistry

Reeshemah N. Allen "Computational Study of Uric and Ascorbic Acid and Their Interactions with Metal Cations"
Advisor: Dr. J. Leszczynski

Gunrvinder S. Gill "Conformational Studies of Carboxylic Acids, Anhydrides, Esters, and Cyclic Compounds by Computational Methods and Dynamic NMR Spectroscopy"
Advisor: Dr. E. Noe

Teri Lynn Robinson "Formation and Characteristics of Hydrogen Bonding Systems in Dihydrogen Bonded Compounds, Bare Nucleotides, and Clay-Nucleic Acid Bases"
Advisor: Dr. J. Leszczynski

Julia M. Saloni "Theoretical Interpretation of Thermodynamics, Mass Spectra and Nature of Bonding in Metal Halides"
Advisor: Dr. J. Leszczynski

Jaroslawn J. Szymczak "Studies on Microsolvation and Its Influences on the Interactions in the Gas-Phase"
Advisor: Dr. J. Leszczynski

Clinical Psychology

Jean Boudreaux "An Assessment of Cognitive Functioning for Survivors Nile" Dr. G. Chong.

Katherine Dollar "Effects of Neuroticism on Cognitive Appraisal Caregiver Burden, and Emotional Distress Among Partners of Veterans Recovering From Traumatic Stress"
Advisor: Dr. M. Ma

Nanette Payne "Acceptability of HIV Testing Among African American College Students" Advisor: Dr. K. Sly.

Educational Administration

- Tiffany A. Chanay “An Analysis of Leadership Preparation Programs in Mississippi” Advisor: Dr. L. Allen-Gentry
- Turquoise D. Curtis-Meeks “Factors Affecting Beginning Teachers’ Retention in Mississippi” Advisor: Dr. D. Lander
- Andrea W. Dilworth “An Analysis of the Leadership Practices of Journalism and Mass Communications Chairpersons in Five Southern States” Advisor: Dr. D. Lander
- Jallilah Muhammad-Dobson “Teacher Perception of Learning Communities and Economically Disadvantaged Students Academic Achievement” Advisor: Dr. C. Bishop.
- Jane M. Everly “Factors that Influence Minority Teachers to Choose a Career in Gifted Education” Advisor: Dr. D. Lander
- Ayanna E. Gill “The Impact of Hurricane Katrina on Evacuated Families in an Urban School District” Advisor: Dr. D. Lander
- Shemeka S. McClung “The Effects of Hurricane Katrina on School Leaders in a Selected Mississippi School District”
Advisor: Dr. D. Lander
- Parthenia Moore-Williams “Faculty Perceptions of Admission Criteria in Educational Leadership Preparation Programs” Dr. L. Allen-Gentry.
- Cory Murphy “A Biographical Case Study of a Principal in a Priority School in Rural Mississippi” Advisor: Dr. D. Lander
- Billy Roby “College Students Perception of Greek Organizations at a Selected University in Mississippi”
Advisor: Dr. C. Bishop.
- Renada Singleton “Elementary School Principals’ Leadership Practices: Differences Among Mississippi Schools”
Advisor: Dr. D. Lander

Environmental Science

Debora C. Ladner “The Effects of Ecologic on Root Knot Nematode, Meloidogyne incognita and Growth of Tomato Plants, Lycopersicon esculentum”
Advisor: Dr. P. Tchounwou

Public Administration

Theresa S. Brister “Evaluation of the Impact of Providing Illness Management Education to Caregivers of Children/Adolescents With Emotional Problems” Advisor: Dr. F. Liddell.

Kanty Mtey “The Influence of Agriculture, Education and Health Care on Alleviating Human Poverty in Tanzania”
Advisor: Dr. F. Liddell.

Social Work

Gwennie Bouie-Hayes “Factors That Influence the Behavioral Adjustments of African-American Children Who Witness Domestic Violence” Advisor: Dr. R. Williams.

Cheri Nyegaard-Holbrook “Hope, Self-Transcendence, Spirituality, and Positive/Negative Affect as Predictors of Quality of Life in Women with Breast Cancer” Advisor: Dr. S. Omari.

Urban and Regional Planning

Kimberly Hilliard “Beyond Williamsburg: The Juxtaposition of Historic Preservation and Community Development in the African American Community” Advisor: Dr. W. Harris

Urban Higher Education

Shonda Allen “An Assessment of Perceptions of Organizational Effectiveness at Jackson State University”
Advisor: Dr. D. Thurston.

Cindy Ayers-Elliot “The Vision of Jake Ayers: His Impact on Higher Education in Mississippi” Advisor: Dr. M. Alexander, Jr.

Ernest L. Brothers “Retention of Minorities in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics at a Majority White Institution” Advisor: Dr. D. Thurston.

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| Barbara F. Buie | “Leadership Challenges of African American Women Administrators in Historically Black Colleges and Universities” Advisor: Dr. W. Crockett. |
| Helen T. Caldwell | “Upward Mobility Factors Associated With African American Women Presidents in Higher Education” Advisor: Dr. M. White. |
| Sarah D. Dennis | “A Study of Faculty-to-Faculty Mentoring Experiences at Historically Black Universities” Advisor: Dr. J. Mills-Jones. |
| Johnny L. DuPree | “The Role of the Political Process in Institutional Effectiveness in Higher Education” Advisor: Dr R. Mason, Jr. |
| Austin C. Emeagwai | “An Assessment of Historically Black Colleges and Universities HUD Grant for University Community Development Partnership Outcomes” Advisor: Dr. M. Alexander, Jr. |
| Lalita W. Estes | “An Analysis of the College Choice Process of African American Students at Historically Black Colleges and Universities” Advisor: Dr. M. White. |
| Dianne D. Everett | “Perceptions of Elementary School Stakeholders on a K-16 Collaboration” Advisor: Dr. J. Stevenson. |
| Tamia P. Herndon | “Alumni Giving at Three Selected Private Historically Black Colleges and Universities: Support and Survival” Advisor: Dr. W. Crockett. |
| Danny R. Hollins | “The Nature and Scope of African American Church-Affiliated Community Development Corporations in the Southwest Region of the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc.” Advisor: Jr. J. Mills-Jones. |
| Patricia Powell-Johnson | “Faculty Perceptions of the Critical Dimensions of Leadership for College of Education Deans at Two Louisiana Universities” Advisor: Dr. J. Mills-Jones. |
| Tonjanita L. Johnson | “University Community Relationship: The Impact of Public Relations on Community Development, Citizen Involvement and Satisfaction” Advisor: Dr. J. Stevenson. |

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| Tracey D. Moore | “Factors That Influence First-Year Student Retention at Selected Historically Black Colleges and Universities” Advisor: Dr. J. Stevenson. |
| Brent S. Russell | “Undergraduate Students: Understanding of HIV/AIDS and Its Risk Factors at a Selected Historically Black College” Advisor: Dr. J. Stevenson. |
| Armerita D. Tell | “Faculty Attitudes Toward Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities” Advisor: Dr. W. Crockett. |
| Virginia C. Cook | “Career Success of African American Women with Doctorates in Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics” Advisor: Dr. W. Crockett. |
| Ebony C. Turner | “An Analysis of Preparedness of College Seniors for the Workforce” Advisor: Dr. J. Stevenson. |
| Rose Mary Watkins | “The Perceptions of Institutional Research Administrators Regarding University Outcome Measures as Indicators of Institutional Effectiveness and Accountability” Advisor: Dr. J. Mills-Jones. |
| Jerry Watson | “University-Community Partnerships: A Case Study of Jackson State University’s Community Development Initiative” Advisor: Dr. D. Didia. |
| Valarie M. White | “The Efficacy of Entrepreneurship Education at Historically Black Colleges and Universities” Advisor: Dr. M. White. |
| Homer L. Wilkes | “An Assessment of Factors that Influence Minority Student Career Choices in Agriculture Related Fields” Advisor: Dr. M Alexander, Jr. |
| Valvia M. Wilson | “Factors Influencing Student Preparation and Motivation for Postsecondary Enrollment: A Study of the Upward Bound Programs in Mississippi” Advisor: Dr. M. O’Banner-Jackson. |

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

Early Childhood Education

- LaNetra D. April “Class Size Reduction and the Academic and Behavioral Success of ADD/ADHD Students in the Primary Grades (K-3). Advisor: Dr. R. Searcy.
- Nehru K. Brown “Teacher Background and Teacher Knowledge Related to Language Structure and Reading Instruction”
Advisor: Dr. R. Searcy.
- LaShundria Carson-Sims “A Comparative Analysis of Quality Preschool Programs Among Middle and Low Income Population in Jackson, Mississippi” Advisor: Dr. R. Searcy.
- Edelia J. Carthan “An Analysis of Faculty Attitudes Towards On-line Courses at Selected Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)”
Advisor: Dr. Rodney Washington
- Cheria N. Lane “Effects of Standardized Testing on the Self Esteem of Urban Elementary Students”
Advisor: Dr. Jiajun Yin
- Rhonda T. Moore-Jackson “Racial Segregation in Metro-Jackson Public School Districts: Trends, Causes and Impacts on Teacher Quality in Early Childhood” Advisor: Dr. R. Searcy.
- Maxine M. Moorehead “Childhood Obesity and Its Relationship to the Socioeconomic Status and Performance of Young Children” Advisor: Dr. R. Searcy.
- Cynthia Mosley-Lockhart “An Evaluation of Abstinence-Only Education Legislation as an Early Intervention for Mississippi Children”
Advisor: Dr. Rodney Washington
- Jill B. Logan “The Impact of a Pre-Service Teacher Mentoring Program at a Mississippi Community College”
Advisor: Dr. Jiajun Yin
- Shauna Nicholson-Johnson “An Examination of Teachers’ Perception on Recruitment and Retention in Grades K-3 in the Jackson Public School District” Advisor: Dr. Rodney Washington

Linda B. Proctor

“The Impact of Family Structure on Discipline Problems in the Public Elementary School” Advisor: Dr. R. Searcy.

Dianne C. Thorne

“An Empirical Study of the Implementation of Technology Integration in Mississippi’s K-3 Public Schools”
Advisor: Dr. Rodney Washington

Loraine Woods

“A Study of Third Graders’ Attitudes and Interests Related to Reading” Advisor: Dr. Jianjun Yin