

Biography of Carlos D. Wilson, Ph.D.
Associate Dean, Division of Graduate Studies
Associate Professor of Interdisciplinary Studies

Dr. Carlos Wilson holds a bachelor of science (2004) and master of science in teaching in the area of mathematics (2006), and he earned his Ph.D. in urban higher education in 2012. In 2007, Dr. Wilson began teaching mathematics courses in the College of Lifelong Learning as an adjunct instructor, and in 2008, he was granted faculty status as a part-time instructor. Wilson was hired as the Director of Academic Credit Programs in the College of Lifelong Learning in the spring of 2012 and granted the rank of assistant professor. Since that time he has taught face-to-face, interactive video, and online courses in the areas of mathematics, faith-based leadership, and commercial recreation and resorts, research and professional training. In addition to his teaching, he has assisted in the course and curriculum development for several current and future academic programs in the school. When the College of Lifelong Learning became the School of Lifelong Learning in 2013, Dr. Wilson was selected as the Interim Assistant Director of the School. In this capacity he serves as a liaison for the School of Lifelong Learning with the academic units at Jackson State University for scheduling classes, schedule classes for majors in the Bachelor of Science Degree in Professional Interdisciplinary Studies Program. He is also tasked with supporting the Director of the School of Lifelong Learning in overseeing operations of the unit including development and implementation of policies, leadership of academic and non academic programs, human resources, unit budgets and facility operations.

In July of 2015, Wilson was appointed as the Interim Director of the School of Lifelong Learning which serves a student population of about 310 students and offers a Bachelor of Science in Professional Interdisciplinary Studies and Bachelor of University Studies (Adult Degree Completion Program). His research interests include delivery of instruction and student

support for adult and nontraditional students. Since his tenure track appointment in 2014, Dr. Wilson has published 7 articles in various peer reviewed journals including the *National Association of Student Affairs Professionals-JSU EPHD Journal of Student Affairs*, *The Non-Trad Journal*, and the *Journal of Leadership and Interdisciplinary Research in Education*. During that time, he has also presented more than 11 presentations at national conferences to include the Association of Continuing Higher Education Annual Conference, Association of Non-Traditional Students in Higher Education's Annual Conference and the National Association of African American Studies' regional and national conferences. Wilson has served on the Jackson State University's 2019-2020 SACSCOC Committee, 2019-2021 Strategic Planning Committee, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (Screening subcommittee member), the Credit for Prior Learning Task Force, University Commencement Committee, College of Education and Human Development's (CEHD) Community and Public Relations Committee (chair), CEHD Urban Education Conference Committee. In 2020, Wilson was appointed to the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning COVID-19 Safe Open Taskforce and the Jackson State University COVID-19 University Task Force.

Dr. Wilson currently serves as the Associate Dean of the Division of Graduate Studies at Jackson State University and Associate Professor (tenured) of Interdisciplinary Studies. In this role, Wilson provides assistance to the Dean of the Division of Graduate Studies and administrative leadership to help meet the mission of the division. He also coordinates with all graduate program coordinators and provide leadership to the admissions process for all graduate programs.