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SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

Fourteenth Annual
**Mississippi Child
Welfare Institute
Conference**

*“Supporting and Preserving
Children, Youth and
Families Through
Community Welfare”*

January 27-29, 2016
Marriott Hotel Downtown
Jackson, Mississippi

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**FOURTEENTH ANNUAL
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Dear Friends:

It gives me great pleasure to greet you during your Fourteenth Annual Mississippi Child Welfare Institute Conference. As always, I am pleased that you have chosen Mississippi's Second Congressional District for such a wonderful event as you continue to raise the awareness about child welfare issues. I wish you much success during the 2016 Conference.

I am proud to see that The School of Social Work is continuing its mission to encourage and advocate community engagement, as you emphasize the importance of child welfare. *Supporting and Preserving Children, Youth and Families Through Community Welfare* reflects the endurance of improving the outcomes of children and youth in the welfare systems to the entire community, which will help build alliances and generate public policy. It is clear that our mission must be one of the advocacies as we generate good public policy and community involvement to keep our families focused and strong.

I join many others in applauding your dedication and commitment in keeping the welfare of children and families at the forefront of the public debate and setting sound public policy. Please know that you are making a difference in dispensing good information and creating necessary dialogue through your yearly conferences. It is this kind of community spirit that is so important in cultivating the necessary strategies that will allow us to elevate the human condition.

Again, I extend a wholehearted welcome to each of you and wish you the very best during your Fourteenth Annual Conference. *Keep the Faith!*

Sincerely,

Bennie G. Thompson
Member of Congress

BGT/no



PHIL BRYANT
GOVERNOR

January 12, 2016

Dear Friends:

As Governor of the State of Mississippi, I am pleased to welcome you to the 14th Annual Mississippi Child Welfare Institute Conference. This year's conference is being sponsored by the Jackson State University's School of Social Work, College of Public Service. I hope you enjoy your visit to our capital city.

As you reflect on this year's theme, "Supporting and Preserving Children, Youth and Families Through Community Welfare," I urge you to consider the work done by the Jackson State University School of Social Work and the Mississippi Child Welfare Institute. I commend your faithfulness and commitment to promoting the importance of awareness for the welfare of children, one of our greatest treasures. Mississippi is proud of leaders, like you, that are working to make a difference in the State of Mississippi and improve the quality of life for our citizens.

Many thanks are due to the host and organizers. I applaud their efforts to put on this outstanding meeting.

Again, welcome to the conference and best wishes for many more to come.

Sincerely,

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Phil Bryant
GOVERNOR



State of Mississippi
Office of the Lieutenant Governor
TATE REEVES
Lieutenant Governor

January 27 – 29, 2016

Dear Jackson State University Child Welfare Institute:

As Lieutenant Governor of Mississippi, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2016 Annual Mississippi Child Welfare Institute Conference. I know you will experience and learn much at this conference that will carry over into the important work you perform each day.

I thank each of you for entering a career of service to those in need. You all carry a true commitment to helping Mississippi's children and families.

Again, I am pleased to welcome you to the Jackson Marriott for your 2016 Annual Conference. Enjoy your visit as you learn and grow in ways that will undoubtedly help our state's most precious resource – our children.

Sincerely,

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Tate Reeves
Lieutenant Governor



Philip Gunn
SPEAKER

Mississippi House of Representatives

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January 6, 2016

Dear Friends:

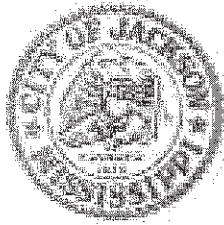
On behalf of the Mississippi House of Representatives, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the City of Jackson, our state capital. I am pleased to extend greetings to everyone participating in the 2016 Mississippi Child Welfare Institute Conference. The work you do is instrumental in helping children have a greater quality of life.

Best wishes for an enjoyable and successful event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Philip Gunn".

Philip Gunn
Speaker of the House



January 27, 2016

Greetings,

On behalf of the City of Jackson, I sincerely welcome the participants and supporters of the 14th Annual Mississippi Child Welfare Institute Conference to our great city. I commend you all on your efforts to use cross cutting strategies to empower families and communities. The heartbeat of Jackson, Mississippi is made evident through the dedication and diligence that is provided by its' citizens, businesses, and organizations.

The City of Jackson is interested in making sure that all of its constituents have the best possible opportunities to succeed and be enveloped in culturally relevant events. We are also vested in making sure that our citizens experience the best quality of life that is imaginable. With that in mind, I applaud you and your sponsors, School of Social Work-College of Public Service at Jackson State University, for your determination to be catalyst for greatness in this city.

Please know that the City of Jackson looks forward to seeing the manifestation of your great intentions and the continued success of this event. Again, thank you from the great City of Jackson; we graciously appreciate all participants and the wonderful supporters and visitors that make it a success. Express yourself freely, engage your surroundings, and enjoy your time here with us.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Tony T. Yarber", is written over a light gray rectangular background.

Tony T. Yarber
Mayor, City of Jackson



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THE PRESIDENT

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January 27, 2016

Dear Conference Participants:

It is indeed my pleasure to extend a warm Jackson State University welcome to each of you attending the Fourteenth Annual Mississippi Child Welfare Institute Conference sponsored by the School of Social Work, College of Public Service. The theme for this year, *"Supporting and Preserving Children, Youth and Families through Community Welfare,"* is an exceptional choice as Jackson State University advances its many initiatives with local, state, national, and global partners. We are delighted that you are participating in our conference as we work together to improve the quality of life for our children and youth, who remain our most precious resources.

The caliber of keynote speakers and other presenters is exceptional for this year's conference. A wide range of topics related to families and community welfare will be discussed, providing you with opportunities to share information and best practices. I invite you to take advantage of the educational and network opportunities for use in your work, with vulnerable children and families.

Thank you for attending the conference. Also, my deepest appreciation is extended to the committee members and volunteers who have expended much time and effort to ensure that this is a successful conference. If we can assist you in any way during your stay, please do not hesitate to call on us. Enjoy the conference.

Sincerely,


Carolyn W. Meyers
President



January 27, 2016

Dear Conference Participants:

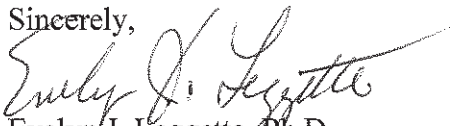
It gives me great pleasure to bring you greetings from the Division of Academic and Student Affairs at Jackson State University. We are pleased that you have chosen to join our faculty, students, and community partners to improve the lives of vulnerable children, youth, and families in our state, the nation, and global society.

The Fourteenth Annual Mississippi Child Welfare Institute Conference marks another opportunity for faculty, students, and staff development in research, practice, and policy. This year's theme, *"Supporting and Preserving Children, Youth, and Families through Community Welfare,"* underscores a call to support families through community resources to ensure our children's successful journey through childhood and adolescence.

The level of the plenary and workshop presenters for this year's conference is outstanding, and you will have an opportunity to be involved in discussions on a wide range of topics related to community engagement in advancing service delivery. I encourage you to engage fully in the research, practice, and policy sessions and as the networking opportunities provided.

A special thank you is extended to the conference planning committee members, community and other partners, and the many volunteers for their time and effort to ensure that the conference is successful. Please continue your work in your respective neighborhoods to create communities of care and action toward enhanced health, well-being, and safety of all children, youth, and families.

Sincerely,



Evelyn J. Leggette, Ph.D.
Provost and Senior Vice President



January 27, 2016

Dear Conference Participants:

It is my distinct pleasure to welcome you to the Fourteenth Annual Mississippi Child Welfare Institute Conference sponsored by the School of Social Work (SSW), in the College of Public Service at Jackson State University. This conference presents a unique opportunity for the SSW to bring local, regional and national professionals who are dedicated to enhancing the well-being of our children and families to make a difference in our communities.

Our conference theme for this year, *"Supporting and Preserving Children, Youth and Families through Community Welfare,"* illustrates our support of children, families, and communities. The presenters have a wealth of practice and research experience, and we are fortunate to have them share their knowledge with us. I also encourage you to engage with the outstanding keynote speakers and other presenters to explore best practices and policies and their effective implementation.

On behalf of the College of Public Service, I would to extend our appreciation to the conference planning committee, our faculty, and staff for their hard work in preparing this outstanding conference. I also want to thank the program participants and conference attendants for sharing their expertise and talents to provide an enriching experience for all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Ricardo A. Brown'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

Ricardo Brown, PhD
Dean

January 29, 2016

Dear Conference Participants:

It is indeed my pleasure to welcome you to the Fourteenth Annual Mississippi Child Welfare Institute Conference! We are almost midway in our second decade of selecting local, state, and national speakers to share their research findings, policy imperatives, and promising practices to improve the well-being of vulnerable children, youth, and families. The conference provides an excellent venue for discussions and deliberations on child welfare and offers engaging network opportunities for all participants. I am delighted that you have chosen to continue the journey with us to make a positive difference in the lives of vulnerable children, youth and families in our State of Mississippi, across the United States, and throughout the global community.

The Mississippi Child Welfare Institute Conference Planning Committee has diligently included the goals of health and safety, education, well-being, permanency, and family economic security as important factors in supporting children, youth, and families. The conference provides you with the opportunity to use research and evidence-based practice to inform your work as you return to your important engagement with our community's children and youth. The theme this year, *"Supporting and Preserving Children, Youth, and Families through Community Welfare,"* sets the stage for establishing further common ground for holistic work with families in a caring community. I applaud you for engaging in the conference sessions to increase your knowledge, advance your professional values and ethics, and enhance your skills to engage in our community of hope. I trust that you will further your determination to ensure the best possible policy implementation and service delivery as we work with our vulnerable children, youth, and families toward their greater empowerment.

Sincerely,

The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The signature on the left is 'Geraldine D. Rater' and the signature on the right is 'Theresa J. Ratliff'.

Dean Emerita and Honorary Chair

Conference Chair

MISSISSIPPI CHILD WELFARE INSTITUTE AND CONFERENCE HISTORY

The Mississippi Child Welfare Institute was established at Jackson State University in 2003 as a part of the School of Social Work. The impetus to begin the Institute emanated from a grant awarded by the Children's Bureau, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services during the 2000 to 2004 period. The proposal was developed by Gwendolyn Spencer Prater, PhD, MSW, who was then Dean of the School of Social Work. The Institute and conference began prior to the organization of the academic colleges at Jackson State University.

The proposal submitted to the Children's Bureau resulted in a funded grant which permitted 26 committed-selected-dedicated students to participate in the education project. All of the social work students were provided tuition, stipends, special training, and educational opportunities both in-state and across the country at national conferences with the goal of preparing them for careers in child welfare. The students graduated and many attained social work positions in the field of child welfare. Mrs. Wanda Gilliam, MSW, Deputy Director of Programs, Mississippi Department of Human Services, was the liaison with the School of Social Work during the grant period and actively and successfully facilitated productive experiential educational opportunities for students with the Division of Family and Children's Services.

During the 2002-2003 academic year, Jackson State University's School of Social Work, in partnership with other state institutions of higher learning, and the Mississippi State Department of Human Services, under the capable leadership of Mrs. Thelma Brittain, MSW, initiated the Title IV-E Program in Child Welfare. The program was readily supported by the Mississippi Legislature, with strong leadership from the late Representative Charlie Capp, Chair of the House Appropriations Committee. Jackson State University's administration also provided exemplary support for the Institute and the conference. The School of Social Work programmatic and administrative leadership team included Drs. Prater and Ruth M. Williams as the Principal Investigator and Co-Principal Investigator, respectively, and Ms. Velma Hankins, MSW, as the Program Administrator.

The program continued for approximately three and one-half years, with Jackson State University serving as the lead institution for the majority of that period, with the final program year being rotated to one of the other state institutions of higher education. Numerous students at the baccalaureate and master's levels were educated and provided training for child welfare practice with vulnerable populations. In addition, during that three-year period, training was also developed and provided for foster and adoptive parents and public child welfare staff. Since that time, there has not been a consortium of state schools and programs of social work jointly engaged in Title IV-E academic programming with the Mississippi Department of Human Services.

The Mississippi Child Welfare Institute at Jackson State University, however, continues to offer its annual conference for professional development of child welfare practitioners, supervisors, administrators, faculty, and students in Mississippi, other states in the Southeastern Region, and indeed across the United States of America. The Institute partners with public and private agencies and organizations as it works to improve services to children and families including but not limited to: the Mississippi State Departments of Human Services, Health, and Mental Health, the Children's Defense Fund (Southern Regional Office), Mississippi Children's Home Services and CARES Center, Catholic Charities, and the Casey Family Programs and Marguerite Casey Foundations.

Conferences (2003-2015):

*2003: Social Workers' Challenge: Changing the Lives of Mississippi's Children and Families**

2004: Mississippi's Challenge: Rebuilding the Village

2005: Social Work: Empowering Mississippi's Children and Families through Public Service^

2006: Working Together for What Matters Most: Children and Families

2007: United Voices Committed to Helping Our Children

2008: The Many Faces of Child Welfare: A Rainbow of Diversity

2009: Child Poverty: Facing the Challenges, Creating Opportunities

2010: Child Welfare: Building Community Partnerships for Safe and Healthy Children and Families

2011: Building Community Partnerships for Safe and Healthy Children and Families

2012: Building Bridges for a New Decade of Transformational Services with Children and Families

2013: Community Engagement: A Guiding Light to Successful Children, Youth and Families

2014: Child Welfare: Building Multi-Generational Teams to Serve Families and Communities

2015: Child Welfare: Using Cross-Cutting Strategies to Empower Families and Communities

Note: All conferences have been held in Downtown Jackson;

**Crowne Plaza Hotel (2003-2004)*

^Jackson Marriott Hotel (2005-2015)

PLENARY SPEAKERS



David Chandler, JD, PhD, LLM, was an associate justice on the Mississippi Supreme Court. He was elected to the court in November 2008, and began serving in 2009. The Honorable Judge Chandler stepped down on December 7, 2015, to become the Director of Mississippi's foster care system under the Division of Family and Children's Services. Dr. Chandler holds an LLM. in judicial process from the University of Virginia and JD from the University of Mississippi. He also earned his doctorate, master's, and bachelor's degrees in education from the University of Mississippi.



Dr. Sadhana Dharmapuri is the Division Chief of Adolescent Medicine at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. Dr. Dharmapuri has served as Director of the Eating Disorders Program at the Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI prior to coming to Jackson, MS. She is a graduate of Boston University, and obtained her medical degree from Poznan University Medical Sciences.



Dr. Nneka Holder is an Associate Professor in the division of Adolescent Medicine at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. She is a graduate of Lincoln University, PA and obtained her medical degree from the Harvard University Medical School. She completed both her fellowship and residency at the Children's National Medical Center, Washington, DC.



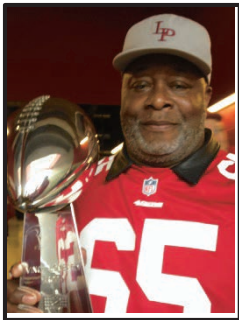
Mrs. Pearl Dowell is the President/Managing Consultant for the Early Learning Consulting Group, Winston Salem, NC. Her career pipeline includes teaching at a community college, and serving as a children's mental health consultant, Montessori Head Master, federal consultant, and teacher mentor. She is known for raising millions of dollars to support Minority Male Initiatives, Head Start, Adoption, and Foster Care Programs. She specializes in best practice replications and project and program development. Mrs. Dowell has a BA in Psychology, a Master's in Social Work, and a Master's in Education.

CLOSING LUNCHEON SPEAKER



Samuel L. Jackson, PhD, is a professional speaker, author, and educator. He is the current owner of Life's Changing Presentation, a consulting company that focuses on leadership training, customer service, and strategic planning. He serves as Vice President for Student Affairs at Jones County Junior College in Ellisville, MS and is the facilitator for the Mississippi Economic Council's Leadership Mississippi Program. After his basketball career at the University of Southern Mississippi, Dr. Jones continued his professional basketball career in Finland. He is the author of *The Man I Never Knew: How Leadership Can be Developed by Faith, Family, Friends and Live Life on Purpose: From Discovery to Practice*. Dr. Jones is an ordained minister. He received his Bachelor's degree in Advertising, a Master's degree in Public Relations, and a PhD in Educational Leadership.

SPECIAL YOUTH EMPOWERMENT SESSION SPEAKERS



Lawrence Pillers played football, basketball, and ran track throughout school. He excelled in football and continued his training when he received a four-year scholarship to Alcorn State University in 1972. Mr. Pillers was all-American, all-SWAC and in 1975 he and his teammates were Black National Champs. He was drafted to the New York Jets in 1976. Mr. Pillers was traded to the 49ers and was part of the two-time Super Bowl winning team. He was traded to the Atlanta Falcons in 1985 when he retired and moved back to Mississippi. Mr. Pillers currently resides in Jackson, MS and holds a free football/ cheerleader camp for youngsters each year as a way to give back to his community.



Tirra Braddy was born and raised in Jackson, Mississippi. At an early age, she faced many obstacles that ultimately led her to seek God's guidance. Life has been a roller coaster ride for Tirra. When she was 14, her uncle and father passed away in less than a year. Tirra experienced some of the darkest days of her life. Being resilient and overcoming a number of barriers, she is now a motivational speaker sharing her story at Ridgeland High School, Tougaloo College, Jackson State University, and with other organizations.

FIELD EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM SPEAKERS



Cassandra Welchlin is an advocate and change agent for communities of color, the working poor and women and children of Mississippi. She is a daughter of the South, a wife and mother of three. Her education includes graduating with a Bachelor of Social Work degree from Jackson State University and a graduate degree from the Heller School of Social Policy and Management at Brandeis University.



Marlena Lehw, LMSW, joined the staff of the Office of Capital Defense Counsel in May 2013, as a Mitigation Investigator. Mrs. Lehw received her Master's Degree from Jackson State University School of Social Work in 2013. She is a recipient of the 2013 Dean's Award for Exceptional Community Service and the McNair Scholarship from JSU. She serves on several professional boards and is a member of professional organizations dedicated to promoting positive social change.



Thuli Katerere is a community advocate at the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) in Jackson, MS. An immigrant to Mississippi by way of several states and countries, Ms. Katerere is dedicated to achieving equity for individuals marginalized by the interrelated systems of education, mental health care, and criminal justice. She received her Master's Degree in Social Work with a Global Certificate from Tulane University and spent a year at the Juvenile Public Defender's Office in New Orleans, where she provided holistic services for young clients.

Conference Overview

Wednesday, January 27, 2016

5:30 p.m.–6:45 p.m.

Special Youth Empowerment Session

Thursday, January 28, 2016

7:00 a.m.–8:25 a.m.

Registration

8:30 a.m.–9:45 a.m.

Opening Plenary Session

9:45 a.m.–10:00 a.m.

Break

10:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

Concurrent Sessions

11:30 a.m.–12:50 p.m.

Lunch on Your Own

1:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m.

Plenary Session

2:05 p.m.–3:05 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions

3:05 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Break

3:15 p.m.-4:15 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions

4:20 p.m. – 5:20 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions

Friday, January 29, 2016

8:20 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

Plenary Session

9:20 a.m. - 10:20 a.m.

Concurrent Sessions

10:25 a.m. - 10:35 a.m.

Break

10:40 a.m. -11:40 a.m.

Concurrent Sessions

12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m.

Closing Luncheon

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SPECIAL YOUTH EMPOWERMENT SESSION

Location: Windsor III

5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

Presiding	Temcula Robinson Mississippi Department of Human Services - Division of Family and Children’s Services Jackson, MS
Welcome	Mario Johnson Mississippi Department of Human Services - Division of Family and Children’s Services
Introduction of Speakers	Eric Burden Mississippi Department of Human Services - Division of Family and Children’s Services
Speakers	Lawrence Pillers Former NFL Player Jackson, MS Tirra Braddy Motivational Speaker Operation Taking MS Back, Inc. Jackson, MS
Questions	Audience
Entertainment	St. Matthew M.B. Church GEMS Praise Dancers Jackson, MS
Remarks	Theresia Johnson-Ratliff, PhD Conference Chair Dr. Gwendolyn Spencer Prater Conference Honorary Chair

Youth Reception – 6:45 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

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7:00 a.m. - 5:20 p.m.

Exhibit

8:00 a.m. - 5:20 p.m.

OPENING PLENARY SESSION

Location: Windsor III, IV, V

8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

Presider

Ricardo Brown, PhD

Dean and Professor
College of Public Service
Jackson State University

Greetings

Evelyn J. Leggette, PhD

Provost and Senior Vice President
Academic and Student Affairs
Jackson State University

Anthony L. Holloman

Vice President
Institutional Advancement
Jackson State University

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Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Mayor's Office - City of Jackson

Introduction of Speaker

Rhonda C. Cooper, Esq

Clinical Assistant Professor
Pre-Law Advisor
Department of Political Science
Jackson State University

Three Strategies for Improving Child Welfare Systems

Speaker

David Chandler, PhD, JD

Executive Director
Family and Children's Services
Mississippi Department of Human Services
Jackson, MS

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OPENING PLENARY SESSION (Continued)

Presentation & Remarks

Theresia Johnson-Ratliff, PhD
Interim Director
Mississippi Child Welfare Institute
School of Social Work
College of Public Service
Jackson State University

9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

BREAK

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Session I **Reducing Risk Factors and Increasing Protective Factors across the Child Welfare Continuum**

Room: Churchill II

The presenter will discuss how poor health and social problems can result in adverse childhood experiences; review the importance of working at multiple levels to increase individual skills and capacities, strengthen relationships, and build capacity within the community; and approaches/strategies to serve clients on multiple levels.

*Presenters: Cynthia Peterson, MSW
Child Welfare Information Gateway
Fairfax, VA*

*Kelly Canter, MSW
Child Welfare Information Gateway*

*Moderator: MaShara Cook
Master of Social Work Student
Jackson State University*

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10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Session II **Sankofa: Applying an Afrocentric Model to Young African American Males in Re-entry**

Room: Canterbury

The workshop will address issues in re-entry when young African American males re-enter their families and communities after a period of detention or incarceration. Issues related to re-entry will also be explored as well as an overview of an Afrocentric cultural approach.

*Presenters: Desiree Stepteau-Watson, PhD, LCSW
Associate Professor of Social Work
University of Mississippi
Oxford, MS*

*Jerry Watson, PhD
Associate Professor of Social Work
Rust College
Holly Springs, MS*

*Shonda Lawrence, PhD
Interim Chair, Graduate Social Work Programs
School of Social Work
Jackson State University*

*Moderator: Raven Reese
Master of Social Work Student
Jackson State University*

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CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Session III **The Effects of Father Figure Involvement on Educational Outcomes in a
Nationally-Representative Sample of Black Adolescents**

Room: Manchester

The presenters will discuss the roles biological and step-fathers play in the educational outcomes of Black adolescents and the association of the adolescent's gender to the outcomes.

*Presenters: Christopher Curtis, PhD
Graduate School of Social Service
Fordham University
New York, NY*

*Claudette Grinell-Davis, PhD
Graduate School of Social Service
Fordham University*

*Binta Alleyne-Green, PhD
Graduate School of Social Service
Fordham University*

*Moderator: Lakisha White
Master of Social Work
Jackson State University*

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CONCURRENT SESSIONS

**Session IV Adolescent Males’ Health Care Issues, Barriers to Health Care and
Successful Treatment Models**

Room: Churchill I

Presenters will discuss models of successful male-focused health care and information on how to improve adolescent male health. Participants will understand health issues and barriers to health care faced by male adolescents.

*Presenters: Maria Demma Cabral, MD
Assistant Professor
University of Mississippi Medical Center
Jackson, MS*

*Sadhana Dharmapuri, MD
Division Chief of Adolescent Medicine
University of Mississippi Medical Center*

*Nneka Holder, MD
Associate Professor
Division of Adolescent Medicine
University of Mississippi Medical Center*

*Linda Faye Pendleton, LCSW
Division of Behavioral and Child Development
Division of Adolescent Medicine
University of Mississippi Medical Center*

*Moderator: John Luther, LCSW
Social Worker
St. Dominic Behavioral Health
Social Work Doctoral Student
Jackson State University*

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10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Session V **Supporting and Preserving Families of Older Americans through
Community Welfare**

Room: Surrey Ballroom

The presenters will highlight major issues explored in the 2015 White House Conference on Aging Affecting Older Americans and their Families. The needs of families facing caregiving, financial responsibilities, and limited community support for certain individuals will also be discussed.

*Presenters: Dorothy A. Idleburg, PhD, LCSW
 Professor and Chair
 Department of Social Work
 Alcorn State University
 Alcorn State, MS*

*Taylor A. McGlawn, MSW
Executive Committee
Association for Gerontology in HBCUs
Jackson, MS*

*Moderator: Michael Barksdale
 Social Work Doctoral Student
 Jackson State University*

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CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Session VI **Peeking through the Blinds, but Won’t Open the Door: Engaging Families through Wraparound Values**

Room: Winston Ballroom

The wraparound process will be discussed, an overview of supporting research and theory change, practice shifts involved, and the principles and how they can be used to engage families and team members.

*Presenters: Elizabeth McDowell, L.M.S.W.
State Wraparound Coordinator
The University of Southern Mississippi
Wraparound Initiative
School of Social Work
Hattiesburg, MS*

*Vanessa Huston
The University of Southern Mississippi
Wraparound Initiative*

*Moderator: Courtney Roberson
Master of Social Work Student
Jackson State University*

11:30 a.m. – 12:50 p.m.

LUNCH (on your own)

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PLENARY SESSION

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Location: Windsor IV, V

Presider

Shonda Lawrence, PhD

Interim Chair

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Introduction of Speaker

Linda F. Pendleton, LCSW, MSW

Clinical Social Worker

Blair E. Batson Hospital

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**Confidentiality and Ethical Issues in
Adolescent Medicine**

Speakers

Sadhana Dharmapuri, MD

Division Chief of Adolescent Medicine

University of Mississippi Medical Center

Nneka Holder, MD

Associate Professor

Division of Adolescent Medicine

University of Mississippi Medical Center

Presentation/Remarks

Jacqueline Loggins, LCSW

Instructor, BSW Program

Jackson State University

Ethics

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CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Session VII Preventing Child Sexual Abuse in Pornography

Room: Surrey Ballroom

Outside of social work, the impact of pornography in a child’s life and a future of criminal offending are often minimized. Ways that pedophiles groom children into child pornography, best practice models, and information on the online aspects of child pornography will be discussed.

*Presenter: Marian Swindell, PhD
Associate Professor
Mississippi State University
Meridian, MS*

*Moderator: Courtney Roberson
Master of Social Work Student
Jackson State University*

Session VIII Eye Movement Desensitization & Reprocessing (EMDR) – An Evidenced-Based Treatment Approach in Treating Children and Youth

Room: Newbury

A critical and ever-growing trend is for child and adolescent psychotherapists and counselors to utilize evidence-based treatment. The presenter will discuss the models of EMDR and a preferred development assessment approach that utilizes family systems.

*Presenter: Roy Thomas
EMDRIA Certified and Approved Consultant
Marriage and Family Therapist
Stephen & Associates
Flowood, MS*

*Moderator: Ashanti Dampier
Master of Social Work Student
Jackson State University*

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Session IX Child Welfare and Social Work: Ending the Separation

Room: Churchill I

The presenter will examine causes and consequences of separation, discuss how policy developments removed authority for child welfare practice away from the social work profession, and suggest strategies for ending the separation and re-integrating child welfare practice and the social work profession.

*Presenter: Vincent Venturini, PhD, LCSW
Retired Faculty
Mississippi Valley State University
Itta Bena, MS*

*Moderator: TL Chandler
Social Work Doctoral Student
Jackson State University*

Session X Mentors Build Bridges: A Case for Faculty Mentoring
DIVERSITY

Room: Manchester

The presenter will discuss the results of a study on faculty mentoring that revealed some rates of success in increasing the number of students of color as a result of mentoring. Participants will be able to define mentoring, reflect on a mentoring relationship, and identify opportunities to establish mentoring relationships.

*Presenter: Barbara Howard, EdD
Assistant Professor
Interdisciplinary Studies
Jackson State University*

*Moderator: Janet Okhomina
Bachelor of Social Work Program
Jackson State University*

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Session XI **The Ethics of Self-Care**
ETHICS

Room: Churchill II

The presenter will discuss the ethics of self-care and the development of skills to guard against the negative effects that can occur as a result of the stressors related to the provision of social work services. Ways to identify symptoms of burn-out, assess the need for self-care, and methods to meet the needs will also be discussed.

*Presenter: Rita B. Range
VA Medical Center
Memphis, TN*

*Moderator: Thomas Barbour
Master of Social Work Student
Jackson State University*

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Session XII **A Labor of Love: Later-in-Life Grandparents Raising Grandchildren**
Diversity

Room: Winston Ballroom

This presenter will discuss families headed by grandparents with particular attention to its implications for social workers and other service providers. Emerging issues for research, policy, and practice will be discussed.

*Presenter: Phyllis Hammond, PhD, LCSW
School of Social Work
Jackson State University*

*Moderator: Michael Barksdale
Master of Social Work Student
Jackson State University*

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Social Justice: A Community Welfare Issue for Children, Youth, and Families

Room: Canterbury

Social justice is an integral part of the social work profession. Social justice is the view that everyone deserves equal economic, political and social rights and opportunities. Social workers aim to open the doors of access and opportunity for everyone. The NASW Code of Ethics includes a duty to reject social injustice and to pursue social justice. The objectives of this symposium are: (1) to identify the top three social justice issues facing social workers today, (2) to recognize diversity as an essential element of social justice work, and (3) to help future social workers evaluate how social workers and other multi-disciplines work together to ensure the same rights and services to children youth, and families.

Presenters:

Thuli Katerere, MSW
Community Advocate
Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC)
Jackson, MS

Marlena Lehew, LMSW
Mitigation Investigator
Office of Capital Defense Counsel
Jackson, MS

Cassandra Welchlin, LSW
Mississippi Low-Income Child Care Initiative
Jackson, MS

Canterbury Room

3:15 p.m.-4:15 pm.
Ethics Part I – Session open to all attendees

Ethical Processes Found in the Board of Examiner’s Review

4:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Part II Session for LCSWs supervisors and interested persons

Ethical Processes in Clinical Supervision

In part I presenters will discuss ethical compliance with current changes, rules, and regulations of the Board of Examiners. During part II participants will identify ethical principles during the supervisory process.

.Presenters: Billy Dilworth, Executive Director
Mississippi Board of Examiners for
Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists
Jackson, MS

Spencer Blalock, LCSW, BCD
Rush Health Systems
Meridian, MS

Moderator: Lucas Watson, LMSW
Social Worker Consultant
Field Supervisor
Hazelhurst, MS

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Session XIII Ethical Considerations in the Forensic Interview Process
ETHICS

Room: Churchill I

The presentation will include ways that retelling of sexual abuse traumatizes a child. The presenter will share information on vicarious traumatization as realized/experienced by the interviewer and the recantation of abuse.

Presenter: Marian Swindell, Ph.D.
Associate Professor
Mississippi State University
Meridian, MS

Moderator: Russell Lewis
Master of Social Work Student
Jackson State University

Session XIV Motivational Interviewing Strategies for Children & Youth Diagnosed with Anxiety and Mood Disorders

Room: Newbury

The presenter will highlight definitions and application of motivational interviewing. Attendees will have opportunities to participate in live practice sessions and role play to have a better understanding and application of motivational interviewing.

Presenter: Monica Sutton, Ph.D.
University of Mississippi Medical Center
Jackson, MS

Moderator: Temcula Robinson
Mississippi Department of Human Services
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Session XV Social and Emotional Aspects of Dyslexia in Children and Families

Room: Winston Ballroom

The presenter will discuss dyslexia as well as how it is manifested, an assessment program, and remediation programs. Implications of social and emotional aspects of dyslexia will be examined as well as strategies for ameliorating difficulties.

*Presenter: Twila Rawson, PhD
Associate Professor in Pediatrics
Child Development Clinic
University of MS Medical Center*

*Moderator: Valerie Carson, LMSW
Social Work Doctoral Student
Jackson State University*

Session XVI One Loud Voice: Children’s Advocacy Centers

Room: Manchester

The presenter will provide an overview of the child advocacy centers in Mississippi. Participants will obtain an awareness of the children’s advocacy centers’ role in the response to child abuse. Best practices will be highlighted regarding the investigation, intervention, and treatment of child abuse.

*Presenter: Rachel Daniels, LMSW, DCFI
Director of Program Services
Children’s Advocacy Centers of Mississippi
Jackson, MS*

*Moderator: Martina Hooten
Master of Social Work Student
Jackson State University*

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Session XVII **The Effects of Child Abuse and Neglect on the Brain**

Room: Surrey Ballroom

The presenters will discuss three effects of emotional abuse in children. Upon completion of the workshop, participants will be able to recognize emotional abuse warning signs and symptoms, and able to connect early brain development and the impact of emotional abuse and neglect.

*Presenters: Wendy Thompson, DrPH, MSW
Associate Professor
School of Social Work
Jackson State University*

*Rhonda Moffett
Master of Social Work Student
Jackson State University
Social Worker
Mississippi Department of Human Services
Family and Children’s Services*

*Moderator: MaShara Cook
Master of Social Work Student
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Session XVIII **For Some of the Children the Monsters are Real: Working with Traumatized Children**

Room: Churchill II

This workshop will provide a brief overview on the effect of violence and other traumatic events in the lives of young children. In addition, the presenter will discuss common traumatic responses to violence and describe possible strategies for helping children cope after experiencing traumatic events

*Presenter: Dorothy Jeffries Anderson, EdD, LMHC, LPC-S
Anderson Jefferies & Associates
Jackson, MS*

*Moderator: TL Chandler
Social Work Doctoral Student
Jackson State University*

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4:20 p.m. – 5:20 p.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Session XIX **Spoken Word Poetry as a Therapeutic Approach in Anger Management with DIVERSITY African American Adolescents**

Room: Surrey Ballroom

There is limited research on the number of African American children and adolescents who are plagued with anger issues. The presenter will discuss the effects of anger issues on African American adolescents, share information on ways spoken word poetry may be therapeutic when serving this population.

*Presenter: Lisa Moffett, LCSW
Social Work Doctoral Student
Jackson State University*

*Moderator: Courtney Roberson
Master of Social Work Student
Jackson State University*

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CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Session XX **Theory-Driven Behavior Intervention to Childhood Obesity: The
Applicability of Cognitive Behavioral Theory**

Room: Churchill II

The presenters will provide information on the cognitive behavior theory and its application to obesity intervention that targets children and discuss biopsychosocial determinants and its application to childhood obesity prevention.

*Presenters: Raven Reese
Master of Social Work Student
Jackson State University*

*Jaegoo Lee, PhD, MSW
Assistant Professor of Social Work
College of Public Service
Jackson State University*

*Moderator: Dornette Thompson, LMSW
Social Work Doctoral Student
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Session XXI **The Biology of Resilience: Understanding the Resilience of the Brain**

Room: Newbury

Research indicates that there is a gene for resilience and that rebounding from adverse life events may occur quicker if the gene is present. The workshop will include information on how to identify the way neuroplasticity reorganizes the brain and how this knowledge can inform practice.

*Presenter: Marian Swindell, PhD
Associate Professor
Mississippi State University
Meridian, MS*

**Best Practices Identified by Administration of Children and Families for
Social Work with Families**

Room: Newbury

The presenter reviews evidence-informed federal and statewide initiatives utilizing a state-by-state comparison and discusses program modifications. State models that are considered best practices and possible reasons for success will also be discussed.

Presenter: Marian Swindell, PhD

*Moderator: Eva Bowie Ellis, LCSW
Retired Social Work Faculty
Jackson State University*

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**Session XXII Ethical Issues in Working with Children
ETHICS**

Room: Winston Ballroom

The presenter will share information on how current technologies and social media changes the way practitioners look at issues of confidentiality, and discuss strategies for serving the child as a client without alienating the adult caregiver.

*Presenter: Vincent Venturini, PhD, LCSW
Retired Faculty
Mississippi Valley State University
Itta Bena, MS*

*Moderator: Tishawn Thames, EdD
Master of Social Work Student
Jackson State University*

Session XXIII Family Reunification: An Evaluation of the Causes, Challenges, and the Indicators which Determine how Child Welfare Practitioners Implement Behavioral Interventions

Room: Churchill I

The presenter will discuss the significance of implementing family reunification intervention programs which may increase positive outcomes between the relationships among parents and children, while restoring any disconnection in the family system.

*Presenter: Andrew Campbell
Master of Social Work Student
Jackson State University*

*Moderator: Michael Barksdale
Master of Social Work Student
Jackson State University*

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Greetings

Gwendolyn Spencer Prater, PhD, LCSW

Welcome

Theresa Johnson-Ratliff, PhD, LCSW

Remarks

**Ricardo A. Brown, PhD
Dean
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PLENARY SESSION

8:20 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

Location: Windsor III, IV, V

Presider

Mario Johnson, Director

Independent Living Permanency Unit
Division of Family and Children’s Services
Mississippi Department of Human Services

Introduction of Speaker

**Dorothy Jeffries Anderson, EdD, LMHC,
LPC-S**

Anderson Jeffries & Associates
Jackson, MS

**Learning, Growing and Changing –
Supporting Children, Families and
Communities**

Speaker

Pearl Dowell, MSW, MA

President/Managing Consultant
Early Learning Consulting Group
Winston Salem, North Carolina

Presentation/Remarks

Temcula Robinson

Division of Family and Children’s Services
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CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Session XXIV Respite Care for Children/Youth

Room: Winston Ballroom

The presenter will discuss models used to provide respite care to children and youth with disabilities, challenging behaviors, and/or at risk of abuse and neglect. In addition, participants’ awareness of the effectiveness of respite care services will be increased through their knowledge of what respite is and how to access services.

*Presenter: John K. Hardy
 Community Links, Inc.
 Jackson, MS*

*Moderator: Raven Reese
 Master of Social Work Student
 Jackson State University*

Session XXV Let Us Adopt: Same Sex Couples

Room: Churchill II

Upon completion of the workshop, participants will have a better understanding of the stigma associated with same-sex couples, have a general understanding of LGBTQ parenting, and the stigma associated with same-sex adoption.

*Presenters: Brittany Case
 Bachelor of Social Work Student
 Jackson State University*

*Bernice McKenny, LMSW
Instructor, Social Work
Jackson State University*

*Moderator: Russell Lewis
 Master of Social Work Student
 Jackson State University*

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Session XXVI **Building Intergenerational Community through School Dance: A Useful
DIVERSITY (fun) Tool for Child Welfare Workers**

Room: Newbury

The presenter discusses the process and findings of a pilot study that used a series of social dance experiences to assess the potential of dance as a means of establishing and/or strengthening feelings of intergenerational community.

*Presenter: Michael Forster, PhD, MSW
Dean and Professor of Social Work
College of Health
The University of Southern Mississippi
Hattiesburg, MS*

*Moderator: Eva Bowie Ellis, LCSW
Retired Social Work Faculty
Jackson State University*

Session XXVII **Parental Involvement and Engagement: What Does it Take?**

Room: Canterbury

In dealing with parental and adolescent issues, research indicates the probability that more positive outcomes will be experienced when there is dialogue between parents and providers. The presenter will discuss steps to become an advocate for families, innovative strategies, and share motivational techniques for parents.

*Presenter: Albertstein Johnson-Pickett
Mississippi Department of Mental Health
Jackson, MS*

*Moderator: Charlotte Dean
Master of Social Work Student
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Session XXVIII **Understanding Toxic Stress – Causes, Influences, and Interventions**

Room: Churchill I

Developmental disorders may be associated with poverty, maltreatment, and other factors and may be reduced by the alleviation of toxic stress in childhood. The presenter will discuss toxic stress, and encourage dialogue about practical approaches, and research-based interventions.

*Presenter: Pearl Dowell, MSW, MA
President/Managing Consultant
Early Learning Consulting Group
Winston Salem, North Carolina.*

*Moderator: Andrew Campbell
Master of Social Work Student
Jackson State University*

10:25 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.

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CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Session XXIX **Serial Parenting: The Creation of Extensive Families: An Unexplored Social Problem Affecting Social Welfare of Individuals.**

Room: Surrey Ballroom

The purpose of this workshop is to familiarize participants with a family structure that could affect the economic, social, and political welfare statuses of individuals to whom services are provided

*Presenter: Johnnie M. Griffin, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor of Sociology
Jackson State University*

*Moderator: MaShara Cook
Master of Social Work Student
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Session XXX From Foster Care to Adulthood: Success Stories

Room: Manchester

The presenter will discuss the results of a qualitative study that examined youth who have transitioned out of foster care, outlining the social, economic and psychological barrier they faced that allowed them move toward productive adult lives.

*Presenter: Sabrina Gonzalez, D.S.W., L.C.S.W.
Lake Wales, FL*

*Moderator: Tishawn Thames, Ed.D.
Master of Social Work Student
Jackson State University*

Session XXXI I Got You! Healthy Life Choices for Teens

Room: Canterbury

The presenter will discuss an educational community health outreach program that was developed by Central Mississippi Residential Center in partnership with area schools, local law enforcement, and other agencies.

*Presenter: Frankie J. Johnson
Central Mississippi Residential Center
Mississippi Department of Mental Health
Newton, MS*

*Moderator: Temcula Robinson
Program Manager, Independent Living
Division of Family and Children's Services
Mississippi Department of Human Services*

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Session XXXII **A Novel Neuropsychiatric Disorder Affecting Mississippi Children**

Room: Churchill I

Autoimmune encephalitis is becoming a much more clinically identified cause of neuropsychiatric disability in Americans. Participants will learn about the definition of encephalitis, explore autoimmune causes of encephalitis, and understand the treatments of autoimmune encephalitis.

*Presenter: John B. Ingram, M.D.
University of Mississippi Medical Center
Jackson, MS*

*Moderator: Brenda Harris
Master of Social Work Student
Jackson State University*

Session XXXIII **Culturally Linguistically Appropriate Services Standards: Moving Towards DIVERSITY a Cultural and Linguistic Competent Standard of Practice**

Room: Churchill II

The presenter will share information on the Enhanced National Standards for Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) and discuss strategies to implement the national standards.

*Presenter: Albertstein Johnson-Pickett
Department of Mental Health
Jackson, MS*

*Moderator: John Luther, L.M.S.W.
Social Worker
St. Dominic Behavioral Health
Social Work Doctoral Student
Jackson State University*

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Session XXXIV The Water in Flint, Michigan: Preliminary Comments on the Problem and the Need to Support Children, Youth, and Families Adversely Affected by the Disaster

Room: Surrey Ballroom

The presenters will discuss the water problem in Flint, Michigan and identify potential adverse physical, psychological and social effects of the problem on children, youth, and families.

*Presenters: Stephanie Bundle
Social Work Doctoral Student
Jackson State University*

*Susie A. Spence, Ph.D.
Professor of Social Work
Jackson State University*

*Moderator: Dornette Thompson, L.M.S.W.
Social Work Doctoral Student
Jackson State University*

Session XXXV Developmental Perspective: The Effects of ADHD from Childhood throughout Adult Life Span

Room: Winston Ballroom

The presenters will provide definition of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) using the DSM-V and discuss the implications for social workers who work with adults with ADHD. Participants will gain a better understanding of their extended social and emotional life experiences.

*Presenters: Linda Pendleton, L.C.S.W., M.S.W.
Clinical Social Worker
Blair E. Batson Hospital
University of Mississippi Medical Center
Social Work Doctoral Student
Jackson State University*

Kristie Lipford, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor
School of Social Work
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Moderator: Mario Johnson
Division of Family and Children's Services
Mississippi Department of Human Services

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CLOSING LUNCHEON

Location: Windsor I, II
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Presider	Gwendolyn Spencer Prater, PhD, LCSW Dean Emerita School of Social Work College of Public Service Jackson State University
Invocation	Reverend Dr. Martha A. Alexander CEO, Leadership Next-Generation Plus Jackson, MS
Introduction of Guest Speaker	Albertstein Johnson-Pickett Mississippi Department of Mental Health
	The Power to Make a Difference
Speaker	Samuel L. Jones, PhD President and CEO Life Changing Presentations
Presentation	Theresia Ratliff, PhD, LCSW Interim Director Mississippi Child Welfare Institute
Closing Remarks	Ricardo Brown, PhD Dean College of Pubic Service

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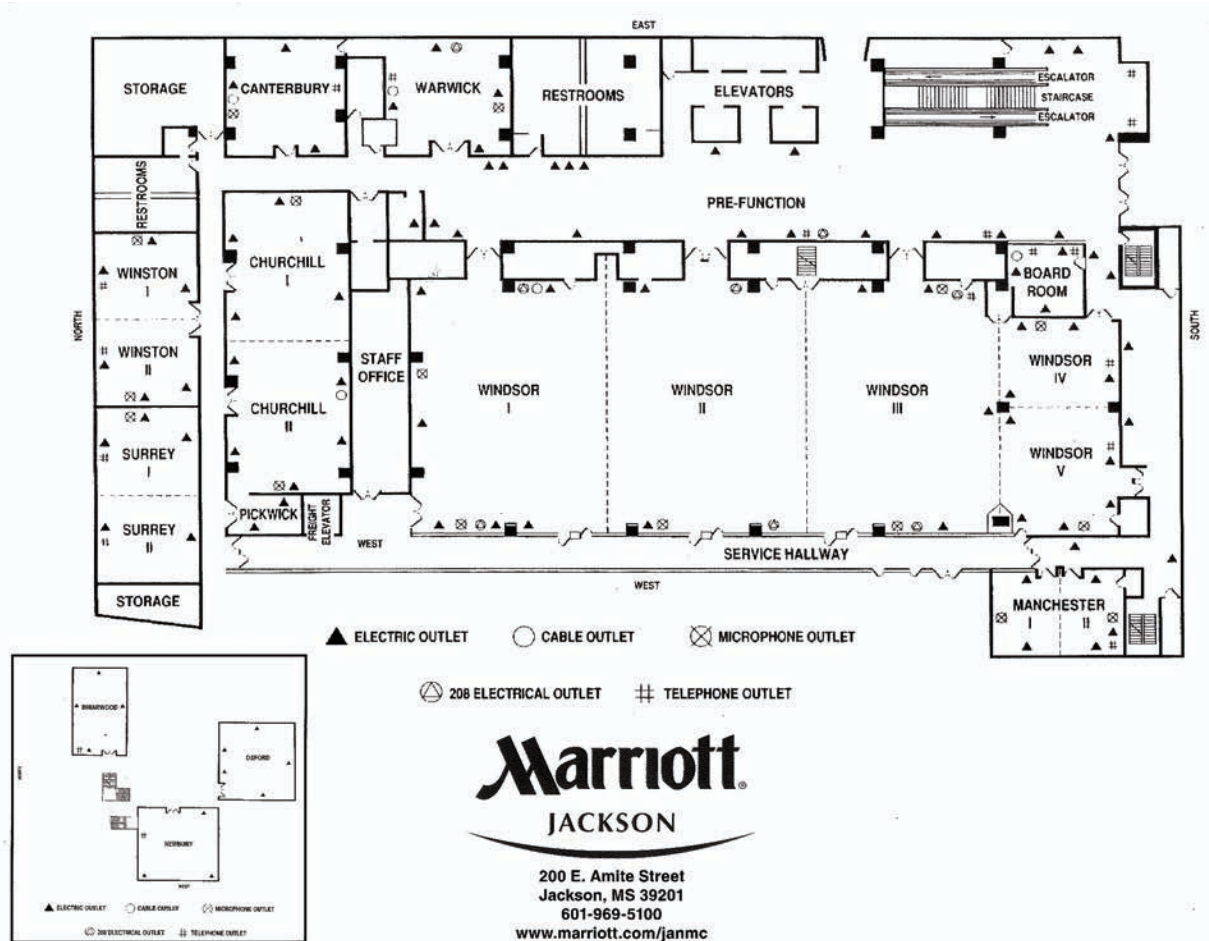
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