**Dr. Monique White**

**Biosketch**

For over 15 years, Dr. White has held teaching positions online and face–to-face at Hinds Community College and Jackson State University. She holds a Master’s degree in Public Health (MPH) and a PhD degree in Public Health, and has been an instructor in Health Education/Health Promotion at Hinds Community College and an Adjunct Professor at the School of Public Health and Department of Public Policy and Administration at Jackson State University. Her professional development has benefitted from exposure to a variety of opportunities in higher education, training, mentoring, research, and statistics, all of which have equipped her with expertise that she aspires to use to advance the academic and professional development of her students. Part of her training included being selected as a PRIDE scholar, a post-doctoral fellowship awarded through the National Institutes of Health that provided development in the areas of grant writing, research, statistics, and manuscript publication. Having previously served as the health education coordinator for Project Health, a school-based prevention/intervention education initiative, Dr. White also completed a postdoctoral fellowship with Jackson State University at the Jackson Heart Study (JHS). This association with the JHS has given her an opportunity to develop a solid background, training, and experiences in strategies to eliminate or reduce the risk factors that led to the long-term battle to improve the quality of life for Mississippians and reduce health disparities that have affected the health status of our communities.

Over the last two years, Dr. White has worked as a Research Associate at the Jackson Heart Study Graduate and Training Center, where scholars are trained to develop skills in Cardiovascular Epidemiology. Her work with the Jackson Heart Study has resulted in numerous presentations at national conferences and several journal publications. She has also served as the Project Director of a Feasibility Study of Osteopathy Medical Education, Jackson State University. Her focus is on using her background, training, and experiences to develop expertise in students through education. She is very interested in applying her training and experience in research methodology and statistics to empower students.