## **CURRICULUM VITAE: Bernice G. McKenny, LMSW**

# **Degree Information:**

#### Ph.D. ABD in Social Work

Jackson State University Social Work August 2016 - Present

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# **Master Degree**

Jackson State University Social Work May 2006

# **Bachelor Degree**

Jackson State University Social Work May 2005

### **Academic Appointments:**

Jackson State University Professor of Social Work Jackson, MS August 2015 – Present

Jackson State University Adjunct Faculty/Faculty Field Liaison (MSW) Jackson, MS August 2011 – May 2015

#### **Professional Post – Baccalaureate:**

## Mississippi Department of Child Protective Services

School Social Work Intern Jackson, MS August 2004 – December 2004

# Mississippi State Hospital

Social Work Case Manager Whitfield, MS January 2008 – April 2011

# **Professional Post – Master:**

**Mississippi Counseling Center** 

Director of Social Services Jackson, MS June 2013 – January 2014

### **Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church**

Director of Social Services Jackson, MS January 2005 – December 2012

### Mississippi Department of Child Protective Services

School of Social Work Intern Jackson, MS January 2006 – May 2006

#### **Hinds Behavioral Health Services**

School of Social Work Intern Jackson, MS May 2005 – August 2005

#### **Memberships:**

Golden Key International Honour Society – Lifetime Member	2017
Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society – Kappa Mu – Lifetime Member	2017
Jackson State University Alumni Association, Blue Life Member	2016
Alpha Epsilon Lambda – Mu Chapter – Lifetime Member	2006
National Association of Social Workers – Member	2003
Council on Social Work Education – Member	2003
Alpha Kappa Chapter of Phi Alpha Honor Society, Lifetime Member	2003

#### **School of Social Work Service**

2019 - Present JSU School of Social Work Outcome and Assessment Committee

2018 - Present JSU School of Social work Conference and Continuing Education Committee

2015 – Present JSU, Faculty Advisor (BSW Program)

2015 - Present JSU, Faculty Advisor, Phi Alpha Honor Society

2015 – 2018 JSU, Chairperson, Social Work Month Celebration

2011 – 2021 JSU, Mississippi Child Welfare Institute Conference Planning Committee

2013 – 2014 JSU, Social Work Month Activities Committee

#### **Community Service:**

Working Together Jackson (Volunteer)	April 2012 – Present
Advocate/Liaison, Lake Serenity Senior Community	April 2012 – Present
Mississippi Food Network (Volunteer)	April 2011 – January 2014
American Red Cross (Volunteer)	August 2005 - Present

## **RESEARCH AREAS OF INTEREST**

LGBTQ Population: Discrimination and disparities in foster care and adoption

Social and economic inequalities among the elderly

Mental health and associated stigma among African Americans

The effectiveness of mental health counseling: Trained and licensed professionals versus pastors

### **COURSES TAUGHT (Undergraduate)**

Social Work Practice I & II
Human Behavior and the Social Environment II
Behavior Modification
Child Abuse and Neglect: Protective Services
Community Organization and Development
Professional Development
Social Work Values and Ethics

### **COURSES TAUGHT (Graduate)**

Human Diversity
Field Instructions and Seminar
Interventions with Children and Youth
Intervention with Families
Human Behavior and the Social Environment I
Intervention with the Elderly
Advanced Social Work Practice with Groups

#### **Professional Presentations:**

- McKenny, B. (2017, July). *Diversity Issues Related to the LGBT Population*. Early Childhood Conference, Biloxi, Mississippi
- McKenny, B. (2017, April). Social Workers Stand Up-"Diversity Issues Related to the LGBT Populations. Social Work Month Celebration, Jackson State University
- McKenny, B., Lee, G., & Marshall, I. (2017, March). *Tools to Work Effectively with African American Males*. National Association of Social Workers (NASW-MS), Biloxi, MS
- McKenny, B. & Case, B. (2016, January). Let Us Adopt: Same-Sex Couples. Mississippi Child Welfare Institute Conference, Jackson, MS
- McKenny, B. (2014, February). *Reality Therapy: Influencing healthy behaviors in children*. Mississippi Child Welfare Institute Conference, Jackson, MS
- McKenny, B. (2014, January). Practice behavior for implementing Social Work Core Competencies in Field Instruction. Annual Field Instructors' Training Seminar, Jackson State University, Jackson, MS
- McKenny, B. (2013, February). Partners in Growth: An informational forum on intergenerational concepts and engagements, panel discussion. Mississippi Child Welfare Institute Conference, Jackson, MS
- McKenny, B. (2012, January). *Religious expressions and the public school system: Implications for social welfare.* Mississippi Child Welfare Institute Conference, Jackson, MS

- McKenny, B. (2010, October). *Epidemiology of Conduct Disorder: Effectiveness of Evidenced-Based Practice*. Continuation Education Training, Lakeside School, Whitfield, MS
- McKenny, B. (2009, April). *Epidemiology of Conduct Disorder: Effectiveness of Evidenced-Based Practice*. Social Work Conference, Mississippi Valley University, Itta Bena, MS
- McKenny, B. (2009, February). *Epidemiology of Conduct Disorder: Effectiveness of Evidenced-Based Practice*. Mississippi Child Welfare Institute Conference, Jackson, MS
- McKenny, B. (2007, February). Comparison: Children and families' welfare systems in the United States versus Nairobi, Kenya. Mississippi Child Welfare Institute Conference, Jackson, MS

### **ACADEMIC DISTINCTION**

Clinical Support Employee of the Month, Mississippi State Hospital	2010
Dean's Award Highest Academic Distinction Master of Social Work	2006
Director's Certificate for Continued Academic Excellence	2006
Who's Who among Students in American Universities and Colleges, Graduate	2006
Cum Laude	2005
Who's Who among Students in American Universities and Colleges, Undergraduate	2005