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Student Spring Orientation Conference at PVAMU Memorial Student Center, February 09, 2008

Dr. Na'im Akbar
Clinical Psychologist, Afrocentric Scholar, and Author is guest speaker at the 16th Annual Counseling Conference, “Helper Know Thyself: The Influence of Ethics,” on March 01, 2008, 8am-12 noon at PVAMU Memorial Student Center

Student Spring Orientation Conference at Urban League Campus February 16, 2008 with Drs. Webster, Barber-Freeman, and Hermond
ELC FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Using Counseling and Psychological Theories in HIV/AIDS Prevention

Donald S. Chandler, Jr., Ph.D., LPC, CFAE

In recent times, the U.S. Bureau of Justice has indicated that nearly two million people are incarcerated in the United States. Within this population, studies have suggested approximately 200,000 inmates are infected with HIV; and nearly 60,000 are diagnosed with AIDS. These estimates have suggested the rate of HIV infection as six times higher among incarcerated populations than the general U.S. public. Despite various approaches, there is a need to utilize psychological/counseling-based theories to identify and prevent HIV/AIDS among incarcerated and ex-offender populations.

“The Relational-Behavior Model: An HIV/AIDS Prevention Theory for Offenders” was recently published in the Forensic Therapist, a peer reviewed publication sponsored by the National Association of Forensic Counselors. The relational-behavior model (RBM) is a theory based on empirical investigations and theoretical integration. As an eclectic theory, the RBM conceptualizes the risk of HIV infection as a system. This system contains collectivistic (relational) and individualistic (cognitive-behavioral) sub-systems. For more information on the RBM, you can contact Dr. Donald Chandler, Jr. at 214-695-2467 or at donaldchandler@msn.com

In addition, Dr. Chandler has two additional monographs on ERIC database:


Dr. Chandler has also been selected as the project director (Paul Quinn College) for a mini-grant awarded on preventing suicide among African American college students. This grant is a SAMSHA funded grant sponsored by Morehouse School of Medicine.

A revitalization of the Association of Black Psychologist-Dallas Chapter was initiated this February. Dr. Chandler will be once again co-chair. The focus will be on the Diaspora of African American psychologist and research/clinical training on the core mental health issues of the African American community.

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Dr. Waymon Webster was honored for his outstanding contributions on Feb. 24, Sunday at the Annual Citywide Black History Program by the Chums club, Blackshear Alumni Association, the NAACP, and the Norris McDaniel Scholarship Organization.

Dr. David Herrington was honored at SERA.

Dr. Tyrone Tanner will be presenting at TABSE (Galveston) and at TMSF (Charlotte, NC) in March 2008.

Dr. Ben DeSpain’s review copy of his book, Your Right to Gripe, was released this month.

Dr. Bernadine Duncan and Dr. Wanda Johnson presented at RAMP.

Dr. Bernadine Duncan and Dr. Pamela Freeman were asked to submit their research on “Learning Communities” with graduate students to the Journal of Negro Education.

Dr. Bernadine Duncan presented a paper on “A Model for Establishing Learning Communities in Graduate Counseling and Educational Leadership Courses” at the Research Association of Minority Professions Annual Conference held in Houston TX on February 7 – 9, 2008. In addition, she served as a respondent to a panel discussion and was a facilitator for the poster session that took place at the conference.

Drs. Ross, Freeman and Johnson had an article published in this month’s issue of JRAMP.
Dr. Roman Alvarez presented at the 16th Annual Conference on the Management of Adults and Juveniles with Sexual Behavior Problems, sponsored by the Texas Council on Sex Offender Treatment (TCSOT), on Feb. 10, 2008 in Galveston Island Convention Center, Galveston, Texas. The title of his 2-hour presentation was "Developmental & Socio-Cultural Issues in the Treatment of Hispanic Juvenile Sex Offenders." It was well received and was attended by therapists, counselors, psychologists, social workers, sociologists, juvenile probation officers, victim advocates, and others.

Dr. Alvarez will attend the American Counseling Association (ACA) 2008 Annual Conference & Exposition in Honolulu, Hawaii on March 26-30, 2008, and will represent Prairie View A&M University – Educational Leadership & Counseling in ACA's Human Rights Committee.

Master Therapist Designation for Dr. Roman Alvarez

Dr. Alvarez was awarded the Prestigious Master Therapist Designation by the American Psychotherapy Association (APA) on February 22, 2008. The Master Therapist Designation is the highest honor that APA can bestow upon a member. Dr. Alvarez was awarded the prestigious Master Therapist designation in honor of his significant contributions to the field of psychotherapy.

The Master Therapist designation was created by APA to recognize exceptional professionals such as psychotherapists, psychologists, psychiatrists, psychoanalysts, social workers, counselors, pastoral counselors, marriage and family therapists, clergy, psychiatric nurses, and other helping professionals who have done the following: (1) dedicated and committed their lives to helping people; (2) demonstrated a mastery of psychotherapy skills and knowledge; (3) made significant contributions to the advancement of their fields and professions; (4) established careers that have been distinguished by work of consistently high quality and adherence to the highest ethical standards; and (5) devoted themselves to humanitarian efforts, charitable works, and actions that have contributed to the betterment of society.

Designation as a Master Therapist demonstrates to one’s colleagues, peers, and clients significant and enduring career contributions to advancing the field and profession of psychotherapy, providing exceptional services to help clients through exemplary performance as a professional therapist, and applying the principles, theories, and concepts of the helping professions to the ongoing pursuit of humanitarian efforts, charitable works, and the betterment of society.

For more information about APA, please visit www.americanspsychotherapy.com

Six Sigma Black Belt Certification for Dr. David Herrington

Dr. David Herrington was recently awarded the Black Belt certificate of completion for Lean Six Sigma by Six-Sigma.us of Austin, Texas. The training involved 144 hours of class instruction, case studies, and demonstrations guided by Six Sigma Master Black Belt Peter Peterka. The certification required completion of a quality control project applying the DMAIC Model (Six Sigma Methodology). Dr. Herrington has developed a quality control methodology. The methodology can be applied to support services or to classroom instruction. This involves identifying critical processes (teaching and learning) variables found among teachers at grade level and subject levels where sub-scale test scores reveal learning deficits. Further analysis can lead to greater capacity for targeting teacher training and developing ways to address specific student learning needs.

Dr. Herrington’s goal is to provide Principal candidates at PVAMU with a repertoir of skills that are also used in the business world. Lean Six Sigma has been credited with breakthrough quality and profitability for Motorola, General Electric, and Dell. These combined approaches have the potential for providing breakthrough changes in organizations, including schools, to enhance the bottom line. Six Sigma is a statistical concept that represents the amount of variation present in a process relative to customer requirements or specifications. It also refers to a business philosophy of focusing on continuous improvement by understanding customers’ needs, analyzing processes, instituting proper and timely measurement methods, and making continuous changes in critical process variables in order to achieve optimum outcomes (Brassard, Finn, Gin, & Ritter, 2002, p.1).

Dr. Herrington has also trained with Peter Senge in the Fifth Discipline methodology for improving organizational learning. He has incorporated these disciplines into the School Business course he teaches at PVAMU so that Principal candidates will be more effective in site-based decision making endeavors. These disciplines include learning to explore mental models of colleagues and sharing their own joint venture to develop shared visions of teaching and learning. Shared visions are created through balancing advocacy and inquiry thereby engaging members in team learning and systems thinking. Many of these Fifth Discipline techniques are well-integrated into Lean and Six Sigma methodologies.

An Affective Approach to Therapy: Treating Invisible and Inaudible Clients

Ron Howard, Ph.D.

Dr. Ron Howard’s book, An Affective Approach to Therapy: Treating Invisible and Inaudible Clients has been widely used in the Master's program in Counseling at the University of Texas (UT)-Brownsville, Texas for the past two years. Every practicum student is required to go through the text thoroughly prior to the completion of the course. It is also used by counseling students to counsel clients from the community in their newly established on-campus counseling center. Additional information will be presented in the next newsletter from Dr. Selma D. Yznaga and her colleagues regarding their perceptions and use of Dr. Howard’s book at the UT-Brownville’s Master’s program in Counseling.
ELC Faculty Accomplishments

Donald R. Collins, Ph.D.

Scholarly Publication and Presentations

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<td>Presentation: ‘Collaborating To Meet Institutional Assessment Goals’</td>
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<td>March 7, 2008</td>
<td>Invited Presenter: ‘Special Education in Texas and African American Learners: Benign Neglect’</td>
<td>TASBE 23rd Annual Conference, 2008 Research Institute, Galveston, Texas</td>
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<td>May 16, 2008</td>
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<td>Annual Conference of the Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign</td>
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Words to the Wise: African Proverbs

“Umntu ngumntu ngabantu... A person is a person because of persons”
(isiZulu & isiXhosa of South Africa)

“Ability is wealth”
(Swahili of East Africa)

“Good actions are more nourishing to youth than words”
(North Africa)

“Courage is the father of success”
(Nigeria)
More than 600 students participated in the Spring 2008 Student Orientation Conference held at the PVAMU-Student Memorial Center and at the Dallas Urban League-PVAMU Satellite Campus.

Dr. Gregory and Prof. Coleman enjoying a tête-à-tête with students

Dr. Ross having a pleasant time with graduate students

Dr. White greeting a graduate student

Dr. Glen meeting his students with Ms. Edna Butler

Dr. Barber-Freeman and Dr. Webster facilitating Student Orientation Conference in PVAMU-Dallas, The Urban League campus