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The Historically Black Colleges and Universities – Excellence in Research (HBCU-EiR) program was established in response to direction provided in the Senate Commerce and Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee Report (Senate Report 115-139), and is built on prior and continuing efforts by the National Science Foundation (NSF) to strengthen research capacity at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). This report provided guidance to NSF to establish the HBCU Excellence in Research program "to provide opportunities for both public and private HBCUs, particularly for those who have not been successful in larger NSF Research & Related Activities competitions, in order to stimulate sustainable improvement in their research and development capacity".

Tamika Baldwin-Clark, Ph.D.

Tamika Baldwin-Clark is currently an Assistant Professor of Social Work at Prairie View A&M University. She earned her BA in sociology from the University of Michigan, her MSW from Michigan State University, and her PhD in social work from Morgan State University. She has studied and worked in the field of social work, both internationally and domestically, for over a decade, and previously taught graduate courses online through the University of Nevada-Reno. Some of her other positions include being a foster care worker in Detroit, a therapist at Baylor College of Medicine, a service coordinator at Texas Children's Hospital, a U.S. Census Bureau Enumerator, and a care manager in London, UK. Dr. Clark is a licensed clinical social worker supervisor, as well as, a licensed chemical dependency counselor. While her specialization is gerontology, she also has practiced in the areas of child welfare, substance use, and mental health.



Charity Clay, Ph.D.

Charity Clay is a Pan-African Sociologist. She is currently a W.E.B. DuBois Institute Research fellow in the Hutchins Center for African & African American Research at Harvard University.



Her work centers around Pan-African liberation and resistance movements; dating back to 16th-century Marronage throughout the Americas, including Decolonization movements in the continent and the political cultural, and social Nationalist movements of the 20th century, and examining current Anti Police-Terror, Reparations, repatriation, and other Emancipation movements in the Social Media Era of the Black Freedom Struggle in the United States and abroad. She is a mixed methods data scientist and storyteller combining qualitative methods like oral histories, in-depth interviews, and photo/video documentation with quantitative statistical modeling, mapping, and analysis. Her current work centers around creating a conceptual and methodological framework for understanding the Nexus of Systemic Police Terrorism and the non-fatal collective impacts on Targeted Black Communities.

Kenshara Cravens, Ph.D.

Kenshara Cravens believes everyone is capable of change. It's this tenet that has led to her pursuing her calling in Social Work. With a singular goal of empowering as many individuals as she can, she finds ways to contribute through service, mentorship, and compassion. A first-generation college student, Kenshara understands all too well the value of knowledge and the struggle involved in overcoming diversities. As such, she continuously seeks opportunities to further expand and develop her education. Cravens earned her Ph.D. in Social Work from Walden University in 2023. Her dissertation is titled: *Experiences and Perceptions of Hospital Social Workers*, wherein she explores the commonly misunderstood world of social work in the hospital arena. A subject she knows well as she'll also be earning the title of Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) this year. These monumental achievements are of course, on top of what Cravens has already accomplished: She is a Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW) and a Licensed Graduate Social Worker (LGSW), as well as a current Assistant Professor at Prairie View A&M University.



Jaymes Durriseau, Ph.D.

Jaymes Durriseau received his Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Southern University. He then obtained my Master of Arts in Experimental Psychology from Middle Tennessee State University. Finally, he received my doctorate in Applied Psychology (Cognitive Science concentration) from Mississippi State University. His research aims to understand aspects of cognition (e.g., decision-making, attention, etc.) using neurophysiological (EEG/fMRI) and behavioral (response time; accuracy) measures. This research leans heavily on data-analytic techniques such as drift-diffusion modeling, linear mixed effects modeling, and natural language processing.



Shannon Feliciano, Ph.D.

Shannon Feliciano is an Assistant Professor of Sociology and the Department Chair for Anthropology, Sociology, and Criminal Justice at Lincoln University (PA). Her research area is in medical sociology, where she brings a deep understanding of social capital and network theory to understand women's reproductive health. She is particularly interested in the ways that race, ethnicity, and religion influence women's reproductive lives, presenting both unique challenges and opportunities. Currently, she is leading a project entitled 'Social Capital in Multigenerational Households: A Key to Understanding Maternal and Infant Health Disparities.' This study examines the impact of social capital within multigenerational households on maternal and infant health disparities, which Feliciano argues is a key to understanding these processes. In addition, Dr. Feliciano is actively engaged in research examining the impact of social capital on health outcomes among juveniles within the criminal justice system. Her focus extends to evaluating the effectiveness of diversion programs and assessing the influence of varying levels of social support and community resources.



L. Sergio Garduno, Ph.D.

L. Sergio Garduno obtained his Ph.D. in Criminal Justice from the University of Louisville. His research interest include gangs, juvenile delinquency, Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), and Police corruption.



Rosalyn Harrington, Ph.D.

Rosalyn Harrington is a distinguished scholar and educator renowned for her expertise in criminal justice, emergency management, and forensic science. Her academic journey has been marked by a wealth of teaching experience, leading her to Winston-Salem State University. Her curriculum design prowess is evident through the wide array of courses she has taught, spanning criminal justice, emergency management, and forensic science. Additionally, she has presented and published several professional papers from various professionally reviewed journals. Beyond academia, Dr. Harrington has made significant contributions to the field of law enforcement, with expertise in criminal investigations, strategic planning, and community outreach. Her commitment to service extends to university and professional committees, where she plays an active role in shaping academic programs and promoting faculty development. Dr. Harrington's dedication to research and teaching excellence, coupled with her extensive experience in both academia and law enforcement, underscores her status as a leading authority in criminal justice and emergency management.



Sharonda Hatter, Ph.D.

Sharonda C. Hatter was born and reared in the small town of Choudrant, Louisiana. She currently resides in Ruston, Louisiana. She is married to James Hatter, Jr., and has three daughters, four grandsons, and one granddaughter.

Dr. Hatter graduated Magna cum laude at Grambling State University and Walden University. She obtained a BA in Paralegal Studies and a MS in Criminal Justice. She recently obtained a PhD in Criminal Justice from Walden University. She was employed as a paralegal at Gallot Law Office for over 16 years. She also served as the legislative assistant to the former State Representative and Senator Richard J. Gallot, Jr. She also served as Constable for Lincoln Parish Ward 4 from 2017-2020. Dr. Hatter later gained employment at Grambling State University as an Adjunct Professor in the Criminal Justice Department. She is now currently employed as an Assistant Professor in the Criminal Justice Department at Grambling State University.. Dr. Sharonda Hatter also serves as Graduate Coordinator, Faculty Senate member, and the Title IX Committee at Grambling State University. Dr. Hatter's goals, aspirations, and interests are to continue research relating to race/racism in America, police tactics and training, and Injustice/inequality.

Sheri Jenkins Keenan, Ph.D.

Sheri Jenkins Keenan is an Associate Professor of Criminal Justice in the Department of Social Science at Alabama A&M University. She holds a Ph.D. in Criminal Justice, a MS and BS in Criminal Justice, and a BA in Sociology. Dr. Keenan has 14 years of experience in law enforcement. Dr. Keenan's research interests focus on policing special populations with an emphasis on juveniles: delinquency, mental illness, school safety, school-to-prison pipeline, Racial, Ethnic Diversity (RE/D), Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), and dual-system involved youth. Her publications deal with K-12 tracking, school safety/violence, zero tolerance policies, high school graduation rates for at-risk youth, juvenile mental health, juvenile drug courts, transfer/waiver, bullying/cyber-bullying, gang/threat groups, and several theoretical perspectives: labeling theory, social learning theory, social control theory, strain theory, and deterrence theory.



Emerald Jones, Ph.D.

Emerald Jones is a tenure track Assistant Professor of criminal justice and the criminal justice program coordinator at Alabama Agricultural & Mechanical University. Her expertise is unparalleled as the criminal justice program coordinator and a recent FBI Citizens Academy graduate. She recently completed a Texas Southern University's Center for Justice Research fellowship, further enhancing her knowledge in the field. Her research focuses on mass incarceration, social inequality, racial discrimination, and occupational inequality and explores how race and gender play a major role in the judicial system. Dr. Jones's extensive research, including her analysis of data from the New York City Police Department, has led to significant findings. Her work indicates that young and older Black women are disproportionately stopped, questioned, and frisked compared to White women. Dr. Jones's academic journey includes a doctoral degree from Howard University, focusing on criminology and social inequality, a master's degree in sociology from Fayetteville State University, and a bachelor's degree in psychology from Fayetteville State University.



Megan Morrison, Ph.D.

Megan M. Morrison is a social-quantitative psychologist in the Department of Psychological Sciences & Counseling at Tennessee State University (TSU). She received her M.A. and Ph.D. in Applied Psychology from Southern Illinois University. At the University of Southern Indiana as an honors scholar, she earned bachelor's degrees in English, Philosophy, and Psychology with a minor in Gender Studies. In her current role at TSU, she teaches undergraduate and graduate-level courses in research methods and statistics, as well as undergraduate courses in social psychology, and peer tutoring and mentoring. She maintains an active program of research in the areas of culture and diversity broadly, while more specifically focusing on interracial relationships and multiracial individuals. In addition to her academic contributions, she has leveraged her expertise as a consultant, working both independently and as part of collaborative teams. These roles have included serving as a data analyst and statistician, as well as working with a team of other psychologists as part of an in-house consulting firm.



Abiodun Raufu. Ph.D.

Abiodun Raufu is an Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice at Southern University and A&M College, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He obtained his Ph.D. in Administration of Justice at Texas Southern University, Houston, Texas. A 2019 Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) Doctoral Summit Scholar, Raufu is a prodigious writer and a relentless researcher. A former award-winning journalist and parole officer, his works have appeared in high-impact journals such as Criminal Justice and Behavior, The Journal of Black Studies, International Journal of Law, Crime, and Justice, Theory in Action, African Journal of Criminology and Justice Studies. He is the lead author of a fast-selling book – Gender Violence, Law and African Society which was published by Rowman and Littlefield last October. He has two other books scheduled to be released onto the market later in the year. His research interests include violent victimization, terrorism, policing, correctional administration, juvenile justice, etc.



Serita Whiting, Ph.D.

Serita Whiting is a Research Assistant Professor at Prairie View A&M University College of Justice Studies Department of Juvenile Justice. Her research interest includes the intersectionality of race, gender and how this impacts crime and delinquency. She has co-authored research in the Journal of Feminist Criminology, Journal of Criminal Justice Education, and Race and Justice. Her scholarly agenda seeks to bring socially just change to marginalized individuals through research, teaching, and social activism.



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