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## **WHITLOWE R. GREEN COLLEGE OF EDUCATION** ***Doctoral Proposal Defense Announcement***

### ABSTRACT

A Descriptive Study of the Employment Access Granted to Coaches from Historically Black  
Colleges and Universities to the Football Bowl Subdivision.

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Of the 125 colleges and universities that make up the Football Bowl Subdivision level (FBS), only 13 have African American head football coaches! Only one time in the history of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) has a coach moved from a Historically Black College and University (HBCU) to the FBS level as a head coach and that was Willie Jeffries from South Carolina State to Wichita State in 1979 (Hohler, 2006). This study will be conducted by examining recent research, identifying common examples of employment by

African American football coaches and the administration of a precise detailed 27 item survey that solicits information from a group of HBCU football coaches concerning their characteristics, experiences and aspirations. The survey will also target a group of FBS head football coaches and athletic directors gathering their opinions to the employment access granted coaches from HBCUs to the FBS level.

More specifically, the study will also attempt to determine the nature of employment access given to football coaches from lower division institutions specifically HBCU to be the head coach and or assistant coach in FBS institutions. Finally, the study will attempt to identify hindrances that limit the number of football coaches from HBCU's from advancing as coaches to the FBS level and shed light on possible solutions to this epidemic. Because of the apparent disregard for African American football coaches, the lens in which the study will reflect will be that of Critical Race Theory (CTR).

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