

A photograph of a university campus during autumn. A paved path leads through a line of trees, some with yellowing leaves. In the foreground, there are green bushes with small orange flowers. The sky is blue with light clouds.

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*Texas Juvenile Crime Prevention Center
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Message from the Dean and Executive Director

These are challenging times; as the state cuts funding for higher education in general, and the Texas Juvenile Crime Prevention Center specifically, we are tasked with being more strategic than ever in ensuring our educational programs and statewide juvenile justice efforts remain on an upward trajectory despite declining resources. As in years past, our faculty, staff, and students have risen to this challenge again this year by continuing to be productive inside and outside the classroom. The details of our collective accomplishments can be found throughout the pages of this report but let me highlight a few here.

- We continue to attract top-notch faculty. Dr. Rosalyn Caldwell (Associate Professor in Psychology) and Dr. David Rembert (Assistant Professor in Justice Studies) joined the faculty and have hit the ground running in teaching, research, and service.
- Our students continue to be selected to participate in highly competitive undergraduate summer research programs across the country.
- The Psychology Department hosted the 23rd Annual National Black Graduate Conference in Psychology, a “first” for any university in Texas. Thirty-five psychology doctoral students representing 22 universities and 17 graduate faculty mentors from across the United States participated in the four-day conference designed to increase the number of Blacks in the professoriate by providing Psychology graduate students with critical, supportive feedback on their research, presentation skills, professionalism, and networking in an intimate, sequestered, boot camp-like environment.
- Staff continue to expand training, technical assistance, and needs assessments across the state. Dr. Angela Broadus (Training Specialist in the Center) has conducted substance use trainings with 454 parents and service providers for juveniles in Abilene, San Antonio, Waco, Wichita Falls, Houston, El Paso, Marfa, Beaumont, Austin, and Georgetown; and spearheaded a statewide juvenile justice needs assessment survey.
- Under the leadership of Grady Paris (Training Specialist in the Center), the Blackstone pre-law society activities have been greatly expanded to prepare PV students for law school, including offering Kaplan LSAT prep courses, law school tours, and law school informational/recruitment fairs.
- Faculty continues to secure grant funding to support their research and graduate assistantships. Dr. Sesha Kethineni (Professor in Justice Studies) secured a PVAMU mini-grant to study the need for trauma-informed care knowledge for juvenile justice personnel, and Dr. Robin Jackson (Assistant Professor in Justice Studies) secured a PVAMU mini-grant to test a theory of African American offending.

Thanks to our amazing faculty, staff, and students, we keep making significant strides and advance each year!

Mission and Advisory Committee

The Texas Juvenile Crime Prevention Center and the College of Juvenile Justice and Psychology are committed to the reduction and prevention of juvenile delinquency and crime in the State of Texas, and strive to attain national recognition in the areas of education, research, and service in doing the following:

- conducting, coordinating, collecting, and evaluating research in all areas relating to juvenile crime and delinquency;
- providing a setting for educational programs relating to juvenile delinquency and crime, including undergraduate and graduate degree programs and other educational programs such as continuing education and in-service training for criminal justice and social service professionals;
- serving as a state and national resource for information on juvenile delinquency and crime;
- developing community-based programs, policies, and strategies to address juvenile delinquency and crime and related social problems; and
- creating partnerships, collaborative efforts, or outreach, public service, and technical assistance programs to assist communities, governmental agencies, and private entities to implementing programs, policies, and strategies that address juvenile delinquency and crime and related social problems.

To fulfill the mission of the Center, an advisory committee was established and the following persons are members:

The Honorable Royce West

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Prairie View A&M University*

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*Executive Director, Texas CASA
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*Deputy Director, Texas Appleseed
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Mr. Marc Levin, (Invited)

*Director for Effective Justice Texas Public
Policy Foundation
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Mr. Don K. Clark, (Invited)

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Prairie View A&M University
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Research

Grant and Contract Funded Research

Summer Research Mini-Grant Program

This year, two of our faculty from the Justice Studies department received summer research mini-grant awards of \$20,000 each from the PVAMU Office of Research, Innovation and Sponsored Programs. This program provides seed grants for faculty so that they may collect preliminary data as they prepare to submit competitive proposals to external funding agencies. Investigators in all areas of research are encouraged to apply. Sesha Kethineni, PhD., Professor & Chair and Ying Cao, doctoral student received funded to initiate a project addressing “Hopes for Healing: How Trauma-Informed Care Training changes the Texas Juvenile Justice System.” The goals of the study are to (1) evaluate whether the mandated training impacts officers’ trauma knowledge; and (2) assess whether the state policy enables the Texas probation departments ready to shift to a trauma-informed approach, comparing to states without similar policy. Robin Jackson, Ph.D., Assistant Professor received funding to study “Gender Differences in Offending: An Examination of the Male-Female Disparity in African American Offending.” In her study, Dr. Jackson will examine the impact that differences in perceptions of and experiences with criminal justice injustices, racial discrimination and negative stereotypes, as well as race socialization practices have on African American offending. A secondary purpose is to identify gender differences in African Americans’ perceptions of and experiences with criminal justice injustices, racial discrimination, and racial socialization. The final aim of this research is to identify protective factors and practices that insulate some African Americans from involvement in crime and delinquency.



UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH
INFORMATION SESSION

Research Conferences/Symposium

12th Annual COJJP Research Symposium

The 12th Annual Research Symposium was held on May 19, 2017 in the Don K. Clark Building of the College. This year the research symposium focused exclusively on paper and poster presentations by doctoral students in the psychology & justice studies departments as well as several students from Texas Southern University’s doctoral program of the Administration of Justice. A total of 14 paper presentations and 3 posters were presented during the day including such topics as “Organizational Transformation through Community Policing: Addressing Police Practices or Patterns”, “Assessing the Predictive Equity of a Commonly Utilized Risk Instrument among Minority Female Probationers”, and “The Role of Acculturation in Latina/o’s Attitudes on Mental Health Service Utilization” among others. Additionally, a faculty panel representing the two departments including Drs. Logan Yelderman, Corey Columb, Robin Jackson, and David Rembert provided insight, advice, and strategies to the students present for successful navigation of the doctoral program. The research symposium is an annual event that provides an opportunity for students to present their research projects in a professional setting with faculty and their peers in their respective fields.

Twenty-Third Annual National Black Graduate Conference in Psychology (BGCP)

The Department of Psychology hosted the 23rd Annual National Black Graduate Conference in Psychology (BGCP) from June 8-11. Thirty-five psychology doctoral students representing 22 universities and 17 graduate faculty mentors from across the United States participated in the four-day conference. The goal is to increase the number of Blacks in the professoriate by providing Psychology graduate students with critical, supportive feedback on their research, presentation skills, professional development and networking in an intimate, sequestered, boot camp-like environment. This is the first time any university in Texas has hosted the BGCP in the conference’s 22-year history.

The conference opened with a welcome from PVAMU administrators including Dr. Michael L. McFrazier (Vice President for Administration & Chief of Staff), Dr. Sarina Phillips (Associate Provost for Academic Affairs), Dr. Cajetan M. Akujuobi (Vice President for Research and Dean of

Graduate Studies), and Dr. Tamara L. Brown (Dean of the College of Juvenile Justice and Psychology & Executive Director of the Texas Juvenile Crime Prevention Center). A special virtual welcome was provided by Dr. Robert Sellers (Vice Provost for Equity and Inclusion and Chief Diversity Officer & Charles D Moody Collegiate Professor of Psychology, University of Michigan) and Dr. Jules Harrell (Professor of Psychology, Howard University).

The 17 junior and senior psychology faculty from across the nation participated as mentors for the selected doctoral students representing various subfields of psychology (e.g., clinical, industrial/organization, developmental, or social) in the intensive 4-day conference. Each of the doctoral students presented either an oral or a poster presentation based on their current research work to an audience of their peers and faculty. Each student received copious feedback from all participants at the conference. The final day of the conference culminated in a dinner with Dr. Tiffany Townsend as the keynote speaker. Dr. Townsend, who received her doctorate in Clinical Psychology from George Washington University, is the Senior Director of the Office of Ethnic Minority Affairs (OEMA) for the American Psychological Association (APA).

The feedback received from participating faculty and students remarked that this was one of the best BGCP conferences they have ever had. Moreover, since none of the faculty or students had ever been to PVAMU, impromptu tours were given of the campus and the college, and as a result several faculty, including those from top-tier Research I universities, have expressed an interest in joining the faculty at PVAMU and several soon-to-graduate doctoral students expressed that PVAMU will now be on their list when they begin to apply for faculty and postdoctoral positions.

Texas Association for Truancy and Dropout Prevention Spring Conference

Truancy has become a chronic problem throughout the country. Some metropolitan areas report thousands of unexcused absences daily and it has been clearly identified as a risk factor for other behavioral problems as well as one of the early warning signs of students headed for potential delinquent activity, social isolation and educational failure. Communities and lawmakers across the nation have made this issue top priority. Because families, communities, courts, law enforcement, social service and school professionals all seek a solution that eliminates

court involvement and improves our response to this all too common problem; the Texas Juvenile Crime Prevention Center along with Judge Yvonne M. Williams, Travis County Justice of the Peace Precinct One, Austin ISD, DelValle ISD, Manor ISD, the Division of Diversity and Community Engagement at the University of Texas in Austin and the Texas Association for Truancy and Dropout Prevention jointly hosted a two-day conference in May, 2017.

More than two hundred fifty individuals from across the state of Texas attended this conference that featured our own training specialist, Grady M. Paris, J.D., who talked about the long standing collaboration between the Austin Independent School District, Justice of the Peace Court Precinct One of Travis County and the Texas Juvenile Crime Prevention Center in reducing truancy by implementing the Effective Parent & Child Engagement training program that has been conducted in Travis County for the past six (6) years. Topics including subjects dealing with Restorative Practices; Trauma and the Wounded Student; Enforcing Court Orders from HB 2398; Juvenile Trauma in Justice Systems; The Role of the Graduation Coach: Impacting Attendance and Graduation Rates by Supporting Students; Criminalization to Community Engagement; From the Courthouse to the School House were a few of the workshops made available to the attendees.

A panel discussion entitled, HB 2398 Observations, Discussion & Survey, was conducted with Dr. Royce Avery, Superintendent of Manor ISD, Dr. Kelly Crook, Superintendent Dell Valle ISD, Judge Yvonne Williams, Eleanor Thompson, Court Liaison for Justice of the Peace Court Precinct One and Bertha Arellano all appointees of the Travis County Uniform Truancy Policy Task Force.

Truancy and dropout prevention are fundamental to the mission of this statewide organization and with our continued support, we will succeed in changing the culture to ensure that all students succeed in school and life.

14th Annual Texas A&M University System's Pathways Student Research

Dr. Logan A. Yelderman's social psychology and law research lab participated in the 14th Annual Texas A&M University System's Pathways Student Research Symposium held on the campus of Tarleton State University (Stephenville, TX) on November 17, 2017. Both undergraduate and graduate psychology & justice studies students presented at the conference. Trahara Punch (undergraduate) presented on research examining emotional expressions of inmates and parole board members during parole hearings; Timothy Lawrence (graduate student) presented on research examining the role of income and trust in romantic relationship satisfaction; and Justin Joseph (graduate student) presented on research examining the relationships between vigilante movie exposure, support for vigilante justice, aggression, and moral disengagement. All of the students made substantial contributions to these projects enabling them to present at the Pathways conference, receive critical feedback, and then begin preparing these projects as manuscripts for publication. The purpose of this research is to address gaps in the current literature and identify areas for future research and potential interventions regarding policy, programming, training, or counseling.

Thirteenth Annual Strengthening Youth and Families Conference

The 13th Annual Strengthening Youth & Families Conference returned to the Austin metro area this year - Georgetown, Texas. This year's conference featured prominent subject matter experts on topics related to strengthening our most at-risk youth and supporting their families. The conference officially kicked-off on Tuesday, October 31 but with pre-conference seminars began on Monday, October 30. Dr. Angela Broadus and Ms. Shauna Richards presented on Co-Occurring Disorders: When Substance Use and Mental Health Disorders Collide in the Special Needs Diversionary Program (SNDP) Staff Training pre-conference workshop. This interagency-sponsored conference offers workshops related to the promotion of positive youth development and the prevention, intervention, and treatment of high-risk behaviors in youth. Workshops were geared to a multi-disciplinary audience of youth-serving professionals, volunteers, and family members.

Association of Black Psychologists (ABPsi) 49th Annual Convention

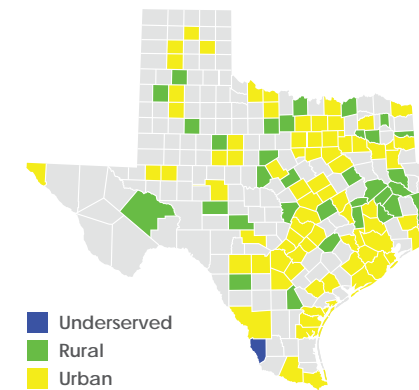
Twenty students and three faculty from the Psychology department attended the Association of Black Psychologists (ABPsi) 49th Annual Convention in Houston, Texas, where they showcased research on diverse issues impacting African American communities. Additionally, Dr. Derek Wilson served on the Houston ABPsi Chapter Local Coordinating Committee and the National Convention Committee. Presentations by PVAMU psychology faculty and students included: The Bakari Project: An Evidenced-Based Prevention and Intervention Program to Minimize Youth and Families Contact with the Criminal Justice System (Roslyn Caldwell, PhD & Thomas Parham, PhD); Exposure to Trauma: Exploring Different Healing Modalities From Within (Derek Wilson, PhD, Napoleon Higgins, MD, Miles Irving, PhD, Tyrone Tanner, EdD, Stephen Mackery, PhD, & Ronald Briggs, PhD); Racial Cognition and STEM (Derek Wilson, PhD, Kayla Graves, & Peter Metofe, PhD); Cultural Pressures and Religious Practices Effect on Depression in Black Communities (Matthew Bolton, BS & Justin Bonner); Social Media and Political Impacts on African Americans: Cultural Representation, Environment, and Conscious Connectedness Influence on Decision Making (Najla Wilson, BS & Derek, Wilson, PhD); and The Association of Technology and Self-Efficacy among African American College Students (Gloria Taylor-Pineda, BS, AAralyn Flott, Kayla Clark, Elexius Jones, & Derek Wilson, PhD).



Research Projects

Update on the Building Prevention Programs to Reduce Juvenile Offending and Support Families

This report extends the Regional Councils of Governments' (COG) valuable work in assessing juvenile justice needs through online assessment of a representative sample of adult Texas residents with adolescents (age 12-17) living within their homes. Participants provided descriptive terms for adolescents and their views about crime within their communities. They also discussed what they believed is needed to reduce crime within this population and what barriers exist to successful, crime-free adolescence. Participants provided general descriptive terms for adolescents, views about crime within their communities and barriers to successful, crime-free adolescence, and suggestions to reduce crime within this population. From June 13-28, Survey Sampling International® recruited a purposive, stratified sample of Texas adult residents resulting in a final sample of 616 participants meeting the sampling criteria. The final sample encompassed 44.1% of Texas' 254 counties, with 31.3% from rural/underserved counties (green/blue) and 68.8% from urban counties (yellow).



Description of Sample

The majority of participants were female (74.3%), and ranged in age from 30 to 65 with a mean age of 41.9. A quarter of the participants described themselves as Hispanic (25.4%). Racial breakdown fairly closely mirrored the Texas Census: White (75.2%), Black (10.1%), and Asian (2.1%). The majority of participants were married (66.1%), 12.2% were divorced, 9.4% were single or had never been married, 8.6% were living as married, 2.3% were separated, and 1.3% were widowed. Education levels varied widely. Of those who responded, 2.1% had not graduated from high school, 18.7% had at least a high school diploma, and close to a third (29.2%), had completed some college. The remaining had completed at least one degree (50.0%) and 68.1% were employed. Just over forty percent (41.4%) participants would be considered at or below the poverty level in Texas with incomes ranging from less than \$10,000 to \$49,999.

Perception of Juveniles and Crime

Less than five percent of participant (3.1%) reported that community crime had decreased in the past year, while 41.4% reported that it had increased. The majority of participants (70.7%) believed that petty offenses in their communities are primarily committed by juveniles. Few believed that violent (3.6%) or property (16.1%) crimes are primarily committed by juveniles.

Stopping Teen Crime

Of the listed community/school-related programs, the vast majority of participants (91.0%) stated that 'recreational/sports programs' would reduce juvenile delinquency, while the fewest numbers of participants (68.0%) indicated that mental health counseling would reduce juvenile delinquency.

Perception of Mental Health & Mental Health Services

A quarter of parents surveyed indicated that their teen had a mental health issue such as depression, anxiety, or thoughts of suicide. Of these, 11.0% also had a history of arrest for delinquency. Although 38.3% indicated that mental health treatment for teens is available either within the community or at the teen's school, more than 1/3rd of those who so indicated stated that availability of mental health counselors and services was insufficient.

The present study collected qualitative data as well on participant beliefs about major causes of juvenile delinquency, programs and/or services that would help to reduce juvenile delinquent behavior, parent detailed perceptions about legal and moral accountability for their teen's criminal behavior, and participant descriptions of teens within their city/county. Analysis of this data is ongoing.

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Presentations

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Barrett, J., McField, A., Salim, S.H., Harris, K., & Martin, P. (2017, July). *Religious participation and perceptions of discrimination: Adolescents' daily experiences*. PVAMU Summer Research Experience Program Symposium, Prairie View, TX.

Bolton, M. & Bonner, J. (2017, July). *Cultural pressures and religious practices effect on depression in Black Communities*. Association of Black Psychologists (ABPsi) 49th Annual Convention, Houston, TX.

Broadus, A. D. (2017). *Addiction: How attitudes and beliefs drive behavior*. Texas Juvenile Detention Association Conference, San Antonio, TX.

Broadus, A. D., & Richards, S. (2017, November). *Co-occurring disorders: When substance use and mental health disorders collide*. The 13th Annual Strengthening Youth & Families Conference, Georgetown, TX.

Broadus, A. D., & Richards, S. (2017). *Addiction: How attitudes and beliefs drive behavior*. The 147th American Correctional Association Conference, St. Louis, MO.

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Burciaga, B., Quintanilla-Verasammy, A., & Dickson, J. (2017, April). *Measuring the likelihood of HIV/AIDS contraction*. Black Undergraduate Psychology Conference, Virginia State University, Petersburg, VA.

Caldwell, R. & Parham, R. (2017, July). *The Bakari Project: An evidenced-based prevention and intervention program to minimize youth and families contact with the Criminal Justice System*. Association of Black Psychologists (ABPsi) 49th Annual Convention, Houston, TX.

Cao, Y., & Kethineni, S. (2017, March). *An evaluation of trauma-informed care training among juvenile probation and correctional officers in Texas*. Academy of Criminal Justice Conference, Kansas City, MO.

Celik, Y. (2017, May). *Community policing strategies to address police patterns or practices of abuse*. Research Symposium in Prairie View A&M University. Texas Juvenile Crime Prevention Center and College of Juvenile Justice & Psychology 12th Annual Research Symposium Conference, Prairie View, TX.

Celik, Y. (2017, March). *Organizational transformation through community policing: Addressing police patterns and practices*. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Kansas City, MO.

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Dolford, C., McField, A., & Martin, P.P. (2017, April). *Black Christians and White Christians: A qualitative preliminary study on the response to the Dallas shootings*. Black Undergraduate Psychology Conference, Virginia State University, Petersburg, VA.

Encarnación, L. N. (2017, May). *The role of acculturation in Latina/o's attitudes on mental health service utilization*. Texas Juvenile Crime Prevention Center and College of Juvenile Justice & Psychology 12th Annual Research Symposium Conference, Prairie View, TX.

Fernandez, J., Silva, J., Nguyen, A., Boards, A., Harris, K. & Jones, M. (2017, June). *Making space for community psychology graduate students of color at SCRA*. Roundtable presented at 16th Biennial Conference of the Society for Community Research and Action Division 27 American Psychological Association, Ottawa, Canada. [Katina Harris, Discussant].

Gibson, C. (2017, October). *Articulation agreements and undergraduate course transfer issues in criminal justice/criminology*. Roundtable at the Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice Conference, Fort Worth, TX.

Gibson, C., Cintron, M., & Dawkins, M. (2017, March). *The talk: Police-youth interactions*. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Conference, Kansas City, MO

Gibson, C., & Dawkins, M. (2017, October). *Juvenile justice: A review of best practices*. Paper presented at the meeting of the Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice Conference, Fort Worth, TX.

Gibson, C., Rasmus, C., & Tramble, T. (2017, March). *Trends in offending moral panics in the United States 1851-2013*. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Kansas City, MO.

Gibson, C., Simmons-Horton, S. & Barnes, F. (2017, November). *Ethnic variations in levels of conventional bonding among different Black adolescents in the United States: Implications for behavioral resilience*. American Society of Criminology Conference, Philadelphia, PA.

Gibson, C. Simmons-Horton, S., Galloway, A., & Thomas, A. (2017, October). *But I'm a good driver!* Paper presented at the meeting of the Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice Conference, Fort Worth, TX.

Graves, K., Vaughn, J., Stamps, K., & Wilson, D. (2017, July). *Social media and political impacts on African Americans*. Association of Black Psychologists (ABPsi) 49th Annual Convention, Houston, TX.

Harris, K., Brown, T., Kowlessar, J., & Rankin, C. (2016, November). *Innumerable evils surround me & my heart failed me*. African American Faith-Based Mental Health Education & Awareness Conference, Dallas, TX.

Harris, K., Mayes, C., Knowles, B., & Martin, P. (2016, November). *The Black church and mental health: A new look at an old relationship*. The 13th Annual Texas A&M University System Pathways Student Research Symposium, Prairie View, TX.

Harris, K., McField, A., & Martin, P. (2017, June). *Overstudied and understudied: Religious experience of African American emerging adults*. Poster presented at the 16th Biennial Conference of the Society for Community Research and Action Division 27 American Psychological Association, Ottawa, Canada

Jackson, R. D., & Motley, S. M. (2017, November). *The impact of racial discrimination and racial socialization on delinquency among African American youth*. Presentation at the American Society of Criminology Conference Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

Joseph, J. (2017, May). *Stability and utility of the variant hypothesis in youth*. Paper presented at Texas Juvenile Crime Prevention Center and College of Juvenile Justice & Psychology 12th Annual Research Symposium Conference, Prairie View, TX.

Joseph, J., & Yelderman, L. (2017, November). *Vigilante movie exposure and support for vigilante behavior*. Paper presented at the Texas A&M Pathways Conference, Stephenville, TX.

Kethineni, S. (2017, October). *The rise in popularity of cryptocurrency and associated criminal activity*. Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice Conference, Fort Worth, TX.

Kethineni, S., & Cao, Y. (2017, November). *Victimization of vulnerable population: Trafficking of women and children*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology Conference, Philadelphia, PA.

Kethineni, S. & Jackson, R. (2017, March). *Elder care in the United States: Filial responsibility laws, judicial decisions, and enforcement issues*. American Society of Criminology Conference 54th Annual Meeting, Kansas City, MO.

Knowles, B., Harris, K., & Martin, P. (2017, April). *Adolescence to emerging adulthood: What is the role of self-esteem?* Black Undergraduate Psychology Conference, Virginia State University, Petersburg, VA.

Lewis, R., Townsend, T., Belgrave, F., Cokely, K. Martin, P. & Carmack, C. (2017, July). *Mentoring 2.0 – Our roots, our future helping each other prosper*. Association of Black Psychologists (ABPsi) 49th Annual Convention, Houston, TX.

Mance, G., Wilson, D., & Troupe, F. (2017, July). *Classrooms as healing spaces within Historically Black Colleges and Universities*. Association of Black Psychologists (ABPsi) 49th Annual Convention, Houston, TX.

Martin, P., Hope, E., & Major, M. (2017, April). *Getting in, surviving...and getting out of graduate school*. (HM 150W Moderator, Katrina L. Walker, PhD). Black Undergraduate Psychology Conference, Virginia State University, Petersburg, VA.

McField, A. (2017, April). *Substance use among emerging adults*. Texas Juvenile Crime Prevention Center and College of Juvenile Justice & Psychology 12th Annual Research Symposium Conference, Prairie View, TX.

McField, A., Weathersby, L.A., Bowles, T., & Martin, P.P. (2017, June). *Unapologetically Black and outspoken Christians: The Black Lives Matter Movement within African American churches*. The 16th Biennial Conference of the Society for Community Research and Action, Division 27 American Psychological Association, Ottawa, Canada

Moss, C., McField, A., & Martin, P. (2017, April) *Say their names: Black mega-churches and the Black Lives Movement*. Black Undergraduate Psychology Conference, Virginia State University, Petersburg, VA.

Motley, S. M. (2017, March). *The unintended consequences of juvenile sex offender registries*. Presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting, Kansas City, MO.

Motley, S. M., & Jackson, R. (2017, November). *Adverse childhood experiences: A gendered analysis*. Presentation at the American Society of Criminology Conference Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

Ossorio, D. & Jackson, R. (2017, March). *Factors leading to foster care placement which impact the pattern of exit from foster care*. American Society of Criminology Conference 54th Annual Meeting, Kansas City, MO.

Paris, G. (2017, May). *Effective parent and school engagement*. Texas Association for Truancy and Dropout Prevention, Austin, TX.

Paris, G. (2017, June). *Engaging community and school stakeholders*. Manor ISD Family Engagement Conference; Austin, TX.

Richards S. (2017, April). *Does the work environment have an impact on attitudes toward addiction?* Texas Juvenile Crime Prevention Center and College of Juvenile Justice & Psychology 12th Annual Research Symposium Conference, Prairie View, TX.

Simmons-Horton, S.Y. (2017, March). *Ethnic identity of Black Muslims and resilience from criminal risk factors*. Presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Kansas City, MO.

Simmons-Horton, S.Y. (2017, April). *Racial genocide question and answer panel*. Presented at the 4th Annual Child Welfare Forensics Conference at Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Texas Southern University, Houston, TX.

Simmons-Horton, S.Y. (2017, April). *Ethnic identity of Black Muslims and resilience from criminal risk factors*. Texas Juvenile Crime Prevention Center and College of Juvenile Justice & Psychology 12th Annual Research Symposium Conference, Prairie View, TX.

Simmons-Horton, S.Y. (2017, October). *Supporting African-American youth dually involved in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems*. Presented at the National Black Child Development Institute Conference, Atlanta, GA.

Songs, P. (2017, March). *Towards recognizing domestic minor sex trafficked males as victims*. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting, Kansas City, MO

Songs, P. (2017, November). *Towards recognizing domestic minor sex trafficked males*. Texas A&M Pathways Conference, Stephenville, TX.

Songs, P. (2017, November). *Perception of domestic minor sex trafficking*. American Society of Criminology Conference, Philadelphia, PA.

Soyombo, O., Vaughan, J., & Dickson, J. (2017, April). *How African centered values and gender, role attitude affects individual perceptions to be pro-life*. Black Undergraduate Psychology Conference, Virginia State University, Petersburg, VA.

Stearnes, M. (2017, April). *Negative stereotypes positive outcomes: Unveiling juror bias*. Texas Juvenile Crime Prevention Center and College of Juvenile Justice & Psychology 12th Annual Research Symposium Conference, Prairie View, TX.

Taylor-Pineda, G., Flott, A., Clark, K., Jones, E., & Wilson, D. (2017, July). *The association of technology and self-efficacy among African American college students*. Association of Black Psychologists (ABPsi) 49th Annual Convention, Houston, TX.

Vaughn-Olajide, J., Soyombo, T., & Dickson, J. (2017, April). *Promoting the awareness and prevention of HIV & substance abuse at a HBCU & surrounding community*. Black Undergraduate Psychology Conference, Virginia State University, Petersburg, VA.

Yelderman, L. A. (2017). *Earl Carl Institute's Symposium on the 85th Legislative Session: An Urban Perspective, Panelist*. Texas Southern University, Houston, TX.

Yelderman, L. A. (2017). *Update on Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Juvenile Drug Courts*. Presentation at the Project Advisory Committee Meeting for the Project Collaborative supported by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). OJJDP District Office, Washington, DC

Young, S., McField, A., Harris, K.D., Salim, S.H., & Martin, P.P. (2017, July). *African American faith-based mental health initiative: Evaluating mental health wellness in African American churches*. PVAMU Summer Research Experience Program Symposium, Prairie View, TX.

Wilson, D., Higgins, N., Irving, M., Tanner, T., Mackery, S. & Briggs, R. (2017, July). *Exposure to trauma: Exploring different healing modalities from within*. Association of Black Psychologists (ABPsi) 49th Annual Convention, Houston, TX.

Wilson, N. & Wilson, D. (2017, July). *Cultural representation, environment, and conscious connectedness influence on decision making*. Association of Black Psychologists (ABPsi) 49th Annual Convention, Houston, TX.

Wray, J. (2017, May). *Telepsychology: A proposed solution to address the mental health care provider shortage in Texas*. PVAMU College of Juvenile Justice & Psychology Research Symposium; COJJP, Prairie View, TX.





TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL NATIONAL BLACK GRADUATE CONFERENCE IN PSYCHOLOGY

Education

In Re Gault

The Texas Juvenile Crime Prevention Center and the Earl Carl Institute at Thurgood Marshall School of Law jointly commemorated the 50th Anniversary of *In Re Gault* which set a precedent for juvenile justice. Program topics range from the Significance of *In Re Gault* and Its Progeny, Best Practices in Certification Hearings, Ethics in Juvenile Proceedings, Why Treat Children Differently, and Where Do We Go from Here? Issues for the Future. Attorneys, juvenile probation officers, case managers, students, faculty and staff joined in the discussion surrounding this landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision which held that juveniles accused of crimes in a delinquency proceeding must be afforded many of the same due process rights as adults including the right to counsel. The ruling also provided other due process rights that included the right to adequate notice of charges, the right to confront an accuser and the right against self-incrimination.

This event was approved by the State Bar of Texas for 6.0 continuing education credits including 2.75 for Ethics. This co-sponsorship resulted in a distinguished list of moderators and speakers including our own Drs. Pamela Martin, Sessa Kethineni, Susan Frazier-Kouassi along with Dr. Julian Scott, Patricia Cummings who previously served as chair of the Texas Board of Legal Specializations' Juvenile Law Board Examination Committee; Dr. Jeannie Von Stultz, Deputy Chief of Mental Health Services for Bexar County Juvenile Probation; Steven Halpert the Juvenile Division Chief of the Harris County Public Defender's office; Dr. Ilene Harper, founder and Executive Director of the Family Life and Community Resource Center; Professor Sally Green of the Thurgood Marshall School of Law; Mani Nezami, staff attorney with the Earl



Carl Institute and The Honorable Harold Dutton who chairs the Juvenile Justice and Family Issues committee representing the 142nd district of Harris County in the Texas House of Representatives.

Gavel Series

February, 2018 marks the 5th year of the Gavel Series, which is a community outreach initiative founded upon the principle of providing free legal education in a "user-friendly" format, to the citizens of Waller, Fort Bend, Montgomery, Grimes, Washington, and Austin counties as well as the students, faculty and staff of the University. Judge Marion Elaine Jackson, Justice of the Peace Waller County, Precinct 3 and the Waller County District Attorneys' office have continued to collaborate with the Center to sustain this initiative. Not only have we had experts from the legal profession to teach classes on topics that include bankruptcy, credit and debt collection, immigration, Family and Juvenile Law, Social Security, Navigating the Small Claims Court, Landlord/Tenant law; Wills, Probate and Trusts, Consumer Protection but we expanded the scope of this initiative by strengthening its function and viability to the community; again, meeting the needs of those we serve.

The Series began its first session of the 2017-2018 academic year in September with Parliamentary Basics: Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised in-Brief (2nd Edition) being taught by a registered parliamentarian, Elizabeth Sapp James, who received the distinction of Parliamentarian of the Year 2017 by the Texas State Association of Parliamentarians (TSAP).

After the success of the political forums we conducted last year and the community's quest for knowledge and understanding of the Waller County Jail Bond Election issues before the November 7th election, The Gavel Series provided a platform for a forum with a panel of discussants including political activists from the community, student leaders, county and city elected officials and a distinguished member of the Committee that was formed to investigate, review, and recommend policing and jail practices within the Waller County Sheriff's office, civil rights attorney Craig A. Washington. This election asked the citizens of Waller County to vote on a \$39,500,000 bond referendum, which would provide proceeds to build a new law enforcement center that would include a county jail facility, sheriff's office and other law enforcement



facilities including courtrooms and the cost to demolish the existing jail facility. This forum was a pre-election intervention designed to increase voter knowledge. The Gavel Series will continue to build the bridge between the Texas Juvenile Crime Prevention Center, Waller community and the University's campus.

Royce West Forum & Lecture Series

The theme, Texas Youth Check-Up: Status of Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice was the highlight of the Spring Royce West Forum & Lecture Series on April 28, 2017. The series presented a report card on the status of youth violence and juvenile justice, looking at Texas in comparison to the rest of the nation. The invited panelists addressed the challenges that youth in Texas face related to violence and the juvenile justice system and offered perspectives on prevention initiatives, policies, and programs for youth violence. Panelists included Ms. Kimberly Williams, Mr. Jay Jenkins, and Mr. Patrick Bresette. Ms. Williams was most recently the Division Manager for the Office of Adolescent Health Services with the Houston Health Department, and provided oversight for all youth violence prevention activities for the City of Houston. Ms. Williams has over 15 years' experience developing and administering programs and services for children and youth. Jay Jenkins works as a Project Attorney for the Texas Criminal Justice Coalition in Houston, where he heads TCJC's Harris County Criminal Justice Project. Since his start in 2014, he has worked for reform across the Harris County criminal justice system, including working with the public defender's office, focusing on interactions between citizens and law enforcement, organizing community members and a diverse group of faith leaders in support of criminal justice reform in Harris County, and authoring and editing policy papers and comprehensive reports supporting broader criminal

justice reforms throughout the county. Patrick Bresette is the Executive Director of the Texas office of the Children's Defense Fund. He has twenty-two years of leadership experience in non-profit management, policy advocacy, strategic communications and social change. Patrick was previously the Executive Director of Public Works, where from 2004-2014 he helped engage more Americans in an active pursuit of a government that works for all. From 1991-2004, Mr. Bresette was Associate Director of the Austin-based Center for Public Policy Priorities where he was responsible for launching the Texas Kids Count Initiative and spearheading the Center's child advocacy work. Closing remarks were given by Dr. Michael McFrazier (Vice President for Administration & Chief of Staff) and the Honorable Senator Royce West.

COJJP Brown Bag Series

The Texas Juvenile Crime Prevention Center in collaboration with the College of Juvenile Justice & Psychology organized the 3rd Annual Brown Bag series for 2017-2018 with presentations from doctoral students and faculty in a supportive environment of intellectual exchange every month. This year's presentations included research in progress from both departments (Juvenile Justice and Psychology) featuring the following topics and presenters in the fall semester: Criminal liability for correctional officer excessive use of force (David Rembert, PhD, Assistant Professor of Justice Studies), and A psychometric investigation of the African American Protestant Faith Scale (Salim Salim, doctoral student). In the spring semester, the following presentations are scheduled: Am I a friend of God? Perceptions of religion among emerging adults (Katina Harris, doctoral student); Adult Female Offending: The impact on adolescent development and successful life transitions (Roslyn Caldwell, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Psychology); From now on let no one cause me trouble: An evaluation of a faith-based mental health initiative (Pamela Martin, Ph.D., Professor, Associate Dean & Interim Chair of Psychology); Attitudes about addiction: Supply side versus demand side (Shauna Roberts, Psychology Doctoral Student); and College preparation among African American students: A qualitative case study of an inner-city college readiness program (Farrah Gafford Cambrice Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Division of Social Work, Behavioral and Political Sciences).

8th Annual Community Drug Awareness Day Summit

COJJP graduate students, staff and faculty joined about 300 people who attended the 8th Annual Community Drug Awareness Day Summit on July 21, 2017. This conference, held at the PVAMU College of Nursing, brought together educators, researchers, medical professionals, clergy, and other professionals involved in addiction treatment and recovery. The goal of the summit was to look at different strategies and learn from one another on how to combat opioid addiction, drug abuse and homelessness in their communities. The rapid increase in the use of prescription and non-prescription opioids in the United States made this conference timely.

Preparing Undergraduate Leaders Summer Experience (PULSE)

This past summer the newly created PULSE program welcomed 25 incoming freshmen to the College of Juvenile Justice and Psychology. The PULSE program was designed to give incoming freshmen students an opportunity to immerse themselves in the fields of Criminal Justice and Psychology. PULSE offered two courses, Crime in America and Statistics, with credit being applied towards an undergraduate degree in Criminal Justice or Psychology. In addition to the two courses, students took several field trips and worked on a group project relating to their proposed major. Lastly, the students participated in workshops that prepared them for their first year of college. For additional information regarding the PULSE program, please contact Dr. B. Drake Williams, PULSE Program Director, at (936) 261-5222 or pulse@pvamu.edu.

Certificate in Homeland Security and Emergency Management

On the night of Thursday March 9, 2017 four PVAMU criminal justice students: Lourdes Rodriguez, Samiah Walker, Austin Brice and William McBride and faculty member Dr. Camille Gibson participated in a railroad rescue training exercise at Disaster City in College Station, Texas. The training exercise is a field experience opportunity that goes along with CRJS 2483 Introduction to Emergency Management. The course is required as a part of the College's 12-credit certificate in Homeland Security and Emergency Management, which started in 2014.

Walls Unit Prison Tour

On Monday February 27, 2017, nineteen criminal justice students (Maria Balderas, Myesha Cherry, Angel Anderson, Alandra Roberston, Ke'Aera Duncan, Asa Taylor, Aurreanna Pillow, Jazmyn Adkins, Taylor Collins, Natasha Washington, Earnesha Washington, Jasmine Williams, Michelle Cerda, Faith Thomas, Matthew Robinson, Dominique Hebert, Charlie Wilson, Kyra Bell and Jalen Johnson) and faculty members Drs. Camille Gibson and David Rembert toured the Walls Unit Prison in Huntsville, Texas. The tour was conducted by last year's Warden of the Year in the United States, Senior Warden James Jones. The students learned about the prison's history that dates back to the 1840s, information on current and former operations, the present population of offenders and careers in corrections. The Walls Unit is the site of Texas' executions and the students were able to see this last stop on death row and the execution chamber. After the prison tour, the group visited the Texas Prison Museum for more information on Texas' Corrections history.



The Louis A. Bedford, Jr. Courtroom – A Teaching Tool

Our students gain an opportunity to learn and advance their academic experiences through innovative learning with the assistance of the Judge M. Elaine Jackson, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3 and Judge Shelytha A. Simmons, Presiding Judge Municipal Court of the City of Prairie View. Both Judges have moved their court, personnel and those citizens appearing before them to the Louis A. Bedford, Jr. Courtroom, which is housed in the Don K. Clark building; home of the College of Juvenile Justice & Psychology and the Texas Juvenile Crime Prevention. Through this active learning process, students have observed full blown trials of matters within the jurisdiction of these two courts along with docket calls and arraignment settings.

The Bedford Courtroom serves the College as an extraordinary teaching tool. Students have the opportunity to learn how technology is integrated into the courtroom setting along with developing skills for future use in advocacy.

Heman Marion Sweatt LSAT Prep Program

The primary goal of this program is to enhance diversity in the legal profession by increasing law school enrollment for undergraduate college students from disadvantaged groups that are underrepresented in the legal profession. This prep program's rigor is designed to enhance skills to improve the participants' performance on the LSAT thereby increasing their opportunity for successful admission into the law school of their choice. A cohort of not less than 10 and no more than 15 participants have been admitted into this prep program during the spring and fall semesters of 2017.

As a result of our partnership with the Brailsford College of Arts and Sciences at Prairie View A&M University, juniors and seniors are afforded the opportunity to take KAPLAN's LSAT prep on campus with instructor-led sessions, 3 full length in class practice LSAT exams; plus 70 plus exams with self-proctoring tools along with over 7,500 released LSAT questions including Quizbank to create customizable quizzes as well as the complete LSAT Student Kit and the LSAT Channel for a substantially reduced fee.

Creating this prep program on our campus is in keeping with the example of leadership, courage and determination that Heman Marion Sweatt demonstrated when he remained steadfast to attend the law school of his choice, the University of Texas as opposed to the Prairie View Law School in downtown Houston, which was established in 1947 or the School of Law of the Texas State University for Negroes in Austin. Each established under the "separate but equal" doctrine.

Undergraduate Research Information Session

This year, the Texas Juvenile Crime Prevention Center in partnership with the PVAMU's Office of Research, Innovation, and Sponsored Programs greatly expanded their annual information session on undergraduate research to the entire campus community. The opportunity to participate in undergraduate research has been demonstrated to be invaluable to student's future goals, particularly if these include attaining a graduate degree in their chosen field. The day opened with welcome remarks by PVAMU's new president, Dr. Ruth Simmons followed by a welcome from Dr. Cajetan M. Akujuobi (Vice President, Office of Research, Innovation and Sponsored Programs), Dr. Felicia Nave (Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs), and Dr. Tamara L. Brown (Dean of the College & Executive Director of the Center). Invited representatives of state and national summer research programs including Mr. Steven Thomas (Summer Research Opportunities Program at Big Ten Academic Alliance), Ms. Nma Ohiaeri (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) - Undergraduate Public Health Scholars) and Ms. Kristi Rodriguez (Summer Health Professions Education Program-University of Texas Health Science) gave presentations on their respective programs and engaged with individual students during the day. In addition, a presentation on the benefits of institutional faculty-student mentored research was provided by Dr. Awadh A. Binbazim (Associate Vice-President of Research) & Dr. Grace T. Abolaji (Manager, Undergraduate Research Program). Dr. R. Michelle Gehring (Director, Office of Sponsored Programs) provided information more targeted to the faculty present on funding opportunities. A presentation on the strategies for effective and successful undergraduate research was provided by Ms. Lynn Strong who gave highlights of her experience as the Director of Undergraduate Research at Dillard University in New Orleans, LA. Brochure information on more than 30 summer undergraduate research programs was made available to students. Encouragement from the presenters was given to the 200 students in attendance to find a faculty mentor in their college to learn more about research, look for a summer research program that fit their interests, and finally to consider submitting an abstract for the Center's annual Research Symposium scheduled for April 2018.

Doctoral Dissertations, New Hires, and Professional Leadership

Doctoral Dissertations

Dahlia Stoddart (Fall 2016)

Investigating the Relationship between Gun Visibility and Fear of Crime among Adolescents in Schools and Neighborhoods using a College Sample.

Chair: Dr. Myrna Cintron

Chotima Suraritthidham (Spring 2017)

General Strain Theory: An Examination of Social Variables and Coping Resources as Mediators and Moderators of Academic Strains on Delinquency.

Chair: Dr. Myrna Cintron

Professional Leadership

- **Dr. Sesha Kethineni** attended the United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime (UNODC) 26th session of the UN Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ) in Vienna, Austria, to represent the NGO organization, Criminologists without Borders, which is affiliated with the American Society of Criminology.
- **Dr. Logan Yelderman**, an Assistant Professor in the Psychology Department, presented his research at the joint National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) Project Advisory Committee Meeting on Tuesday, August 29, 2017 in Washington DC. OJJDP is part of the United States Department of Justice. This invitation allowed Dr. Yelderman to showcase the cutting-edge research in the PVAMU Psychology Department. His research presentation focused on racial and ethnic disparities in juvenile drug courts. Dr. Logan is an emerging scholar, expert in the areas of jury decision-making, parole decision-making, and mentally ill offenders. In 2016, he has published in the Psychology, Crime, & Law, Psychiatry, Psychology and Law, and Juvenile and Family Court Journal.

New Hires

Dr. Roslyn Caldwell - Dr. Caldwell joined the Psychology department on July 1, 2017 as an Associate Professor. Before coming to PVAMU, she previously taught at California Polytechnic State



University, John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. A believer in “paving the way for those coming behind you,” Caldwell directs the Bakari Project Mentoring Program for high-level juvenile offenders. A Southern California native, she holds a University of California-Santa Barbara doctoral degree in counseling, clinical and school psychology and certification in forensic psychology. An alumnus of 4-H Club and Future Farmers of America, she espouses the 4-H motto, “To make the best better.”

Ms. Nisha Saintelus - A native New Yorker, Ms. Saintelus is an Academic Advisor of the COJJP. Ms. Saintelus earned her undergraduate degree in Business Management from Medgar Evers College and received a master’s degree in Counseling from Prairie View A&M University. After six years of experience in the financial industry, she followed her calling to serve underrepresented youths. She devotes her time serving as a mentor to students transitioning into higher education. Her advice for Juvenile Justice & Psychology students: Do not be afraid to try, you will fly! On this adventure of your academic career ask questions, challenge yourself, and be determined to become wiser each day. Utilize your time during your college experience to be great. There is a huge world that awaits your talents. Lastly, enjoy a great college life balance.



Dr. David Rembert - We are fortunate to welcome Dr. David Rembert as a new full-time faculty member this year, whose expertise will build upon the dedication to excellence in teaching, research, and service in the department and college. Dr. Rembert’s current research, teaching, and consulting interests focus on corrections, juvenile delinquency, research methods, and statistics especially as they relate to social justice. He is also broadly interested in questions related to child welfare, law and legal aspects, justice policy, and program evaluation. Dr. Rembert earned his doctoral degree in Criminal Justice from Sam Houston University.





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