**PROGRAM INFORMATION**

The Dr. Harold Grier Doctoral Scholars Program supports racially underrepresented Ph.D. students throughout their Doctoral Program at Mississippi State University. Sponsored by the Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President, the Office of Institutional Diversity and Inclusion, and the Office of the Graduate School, the program provides financial, professional and academic assistance for scholars throughout their academic career at Mississippi State University.

**CURRENT DOCTORAL SCHOLARS**

- **CHIQUITA PRICE**
  - Environmental Toxicology
  - August 2018 Cohort

- **ANISHA THOMAS**
  - Clinical Psychology
  - August 2018 Cohort

- **DEEPALI DHRUVE**
  - Clinical Psychology
  - August 2019 Cohort

- **BRITANY “BRIA” YOUNG**
  - Sociology
  - August 2019 Cohort

- **ALEXIS JACKSON**
  - Counselor Education
  - August 2020 Cohort

**PAST DOCTORAL SCHOLARS**

- **EBONI SMITH, PH.D.**
  - Industrial and Systems Engineering
  - August 2018 Cohort
  - Completed: Fall 2019

- **CHARTESE JONES, PH.D.**
  - Mathematical Sciences
  - August 2019 Cohort
  - Completed: Spring 2020

- **JAYMES DURRISSEAU, PH.D.**
  - Cognitive Science
  - August 2019 Cohort
  - Completed: Summer 2020
KNOWING HOW/WHY TO SAY NO
October 14, 2020
FACILITATOR: DR. JERVETTE WARD
Associate Professor
Department of English, Mississippi State University

NAVIGATING THE PH.D. PROCESS AS AN URM
March 16, 2021
FACILITATOR: DR. QIANA CUTTS
Assistant Professor
Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology and Foundations, Mississippi State University

INFORMAL MENTORING SESSIONS
September 29, 2020
FACILITATORS:
DR. LASHAN SIMPSON
Associate Professor
Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering, Mississippi State University
DR. ANTONIO GARDNER
Assistant Professor
Department of Food Science, Nutrition and Health Promotion, Mississippi State University

MCNAIR AND SREB SCHOLAR MIXER
March 4, 2021 and September 18, 2020
Hosted by the Office of the Graduate School & The Office of Institutional Diversity and Inclusion

THE INSTITUTE ON TEACHING AND MENTORING
The Institute on Teaching and Mentoring is the largest gathering of underrepresented minority Ph.D. scholars in the country. For the last 27 years, the Institute has provided workshops, recruitment and networking opportunities to enhance the professional development of the Ph.D. scholars with effective tools to be successful as faculty in post-secondary institutions and other appropriate professions. The goal of the Institute is to provide a safe environment for doctoral scholars to share insights and survival tips for success in graduate work, build community among themselves, enrich their research and teaching strategies, and give scholars the skills that will serve them in the profession of their choice.

- Alexandria, VA (October 2018)
- Atlanta, Georgia (October 2019)
- Tampa, Florida (October 2020) – Postponed Due to COVID-19
- Virtual Conference (April 2021)
ANISHA THOMAS

Dissertation:
A Test of the Interpersonal Theory of Suicide in Black College Students Using Multigroup Confirmatory Factor Analysis
Status: Proposed September 2020

Fellowships:
American Psychological Association's Minority Fellowship Program Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (MHSAS) Predoctoral Fellowship (2019-Present). The APA MFP is a comprehensive training, mentoring, and professional development program that supports the training of practitioners who are committed to addressing the behavioral health needs of racial and ethnic minority populations through behavioral health services, policy, and prevention.

Published Manuscripts:

Conference Presentations:


Published Manuscripts: (*co-authors):

Oral Presentations:


Poster Presentations:
(** undergrad mentee, *** graduate mentee)


Awards:
Student Travel and Research Award, August 2020
Department of Psychology, Mississippi State University | $225

Student Travel and Research Award, February 2020
Department of Psychology, Mississippi State University | $400

Graduate Student Travel Support Award, February 2020
College of Arts and Sciences, Mississippi State University | $400

Student Travel and Research Award, September 2019
Department of Psychology, Mississippi State University | $116

Student Travel Award, September 2019
Mississippi Psychological Association | $125

Proposed Thesis: November 2020
Plans to Defend this Spring 2021
ALEXIS JACKSON

Published Manuscripts:


Counseling Intern at the Baptist Behavioral Health Hospital Unit – August 2020-Present

Baptist Memorial Hospital Columbus, MS

- Conduct Biopsychosocial assessments to gain a better understanding of patients’ insights, ideations, moods, affects, orientations, hallucinations, delusions, family histories of mental illness, addictions, treatment histories, and substance abuse.
- Conduct Group Counseling Session
- Conduct Individual Counseling Session
- Conduct Family Counseling Sessions
- Facilitate Referrals and Consultations
- Participate in staffing with a psychiatric care team, which encompasses psychiatrists, nurses, counselors, and social workers as a means to develop treatment plans and monitor the impacts of medications on patients.

CHIQUITA PRICE

Awards:
Supplement to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research by the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke

Leadership:

GSA
- Departmental Student Representative
- College of Veterinary Medicine Student Representative

Graduate Program Advisory Committee
- Student Liaison

Spearheaded a subset of GSA in my college (CVM GSA) to foster unity and inclusion among the CVM graduate students

Service:
- Panelist at Mississippi Delta Community College's Girls Rock Conference
- Speaker for the Society of Toxicology's annual ToxScholar outreach program at Mississippi University for Women