Friday, February 27, 2015

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12:00 P.M. ~ Grand Ballroom Foyer
REGISTRATION

1:00 - 2:20 P.M. ~ Grand Ballroom East
SESSION 1
Writing the Prospectus and Dissertation
• Dr. Marvin Dawkins, Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Miami
• Dr. Mohsen Milani, Executive Director, USF World Center for Strategic and Diplomatic Studies and Professor, Department of Government and International Affairs, University of South Florida

2:30 - 3:45 P.M. ~ Sarasota Room
SESSION 2
How to Prepare for the Comprehensive Exam
• Dr. Iraida Carrion, Associate Professor, School of Social Work, University of South Florida
• Dr. Sylvia Thomas, Assistant Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering, University of South Florida

3:55 - 5:25 P.M.
SESSION 3
Achieving Precision, Coherence, and Clarity in Academic Writing
Business, Education, Humanities, Social Sciences ~ Sarasota Room
• Dr. Elizabeth Metzger, Associate Professor, Department of English, University of South Florida
• Dr. Vernetta Williams, Assistant Professor, Department of English, University of South Florida

STEM ~ Collier Room
• Dr. Sylvia Holladay, Professor, Department of English, Hillsborough Community College

6:30 - 9:00 P.M. ~ Grand Ballroom West
DINNER & ENTERTAINMENT
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MDF TIPS
• Please note tips on writing for publication presented throughout the program book.
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PANEL 4 — EDUCATION

- **Natalie King, Panel Chair**, UF (2012), Education, “African American Middle School Girls in Informal Spaces: Revealing Their Luster Toward STEM Learning”
- **Orlando Pizana**, USF (2009), Education, “Strategies for Improving English Writing Proficiency Amongst College Football Athletes Based Upon Student Athlete Perceptions and Opinions”

Discussants (15 minutes)

- **Dr. Shelby Gilbert**, Assistant Professor, College of Education, Florida Gulf Coast University
- **Dr. Sonja Montas-Hunter**, Associate Dean of the Graduate School, Florida International University

Audience – Q&A (10 Minutes)

9:15 - 10:30 A.M. ~ Pasco Room

PANEL 6 — PSYCHOLOGY I

- **Carmen Edwards**, UF (2010), Psychology

Discussants (15 minutes)

- **Dr. Nicole Whitehead**, Assistant Professor, Department of Clinical and Health Psychology, University of Florida
- **Dr. Brenda Wiens**, Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Clinical and Health Psychology, University of Florida

Audience – Q&A (10 Minutes)

9:15 - 10:30 A.M. ~ Broward Room

PANEL 5 — HISTORY & INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

- **Carlos Hernandez**, UF (2012), History, “Myths of Mestizaje: Race and Nation in Nineteenth-Century Mexico”

Discussant (15 minutes)

- **Dr. Natanya Duncan**, Assistant Professor, Department of History & Geography, Morgan State University

Audience – Q&A (10 Minutes)

MDF QUICK STATS

454 MDF Graduates

Discipline Breakdown

- Business (52)
- Education (26)
- Humanities (54)
- Social Sciences (129)
- STEM-Engineering/Computer Sciences (79)
- STEM-Health/Life/Physical Sciences (108)
- STEM-Mathematics/Statistics (6)
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PANEL 7 — SOCIOLOGY
• Micah Johnson, Panel Chair, UF (2013), Sociology, “The Social Geometry of Youth Violence”
• Julia Arroyo, UF (2014), Sociology, “Gendered Impacts?: (Non-)Parental Living Arrangements & First Birth Timing”

Discussants (15 minutes)
- Dr. Simone O’Bryan, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Florida Gulf Coast University
- Dr. Fernando Rivera, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Central Florida
- Dr. Barbara Zsembik, Associate Professor and Chair, Department of Sociology and Criminology and Law, University of Florida

Audience – Q&A (10 Minutes)

10:40 - 11:55 A.M. ~ Lee Room
PANEL 8 — ENGINEERING II
• Amaris Genemaras, Panel Chair, UM (2014), Biomedical Engineering, “Inflammatory Cytokines Induce Specific Time-Dependent MicroRNA Expression in Cells of Knee Soft Tissues”
• Ange Patricia Fievre, FIU (2012), Computer & Electrical Engineering, “Uniquely Identifiable Tamper-Evident Device Using Coupling Between Subwavelength Gratings”

Discussants (15 minutes)
- Dr. Jorge Torres, Associate Professor, Department of Biomedical Engineering, Florida Gulf Coast University
- Dr. Claude Villiers, Associate Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, Florida Gulf Coast University

Audience – Q&A (10 Minutes)

10:40 - 11:55 A.M. ~ Pinellas Room
PANEL 9 — PSYCHOLOGY II
• Tanisha Hill-Jarret, Panel Chair, UF (2011), Psychology
• Larry Burrell, UF (2013), Clinical Psychology, “Effects of Cannabis Consumption on Verbal Fluencies”
• Jaylyn Clark, UF (2013), Psychology, “The Influence of Cues on Individual Pain Policies in Assessment and Treatment Decisions for Pediatric Chronic Pain Patients Using Virtual Human Technology”
• Allyson Diggins, UF (2013), Psychology, “Negative Mood & Quality of Life of African American Breast Cancer Survivors”

Discussants (15 minutes)
- Dr. Nicole Whitehead, Assistant Professor, Department of Clinical and Health Psychology, University of Florida
- Dr. Brenda Wiens, Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Clinical and Health Psychology, University of Florida

Audience – Q&A (10 minutes)

10:40 - 11:55 A.M. ~ Sarasota Room
PANEL 10 — POLITICAL SCIENCE
• Ransford Edwards, Panel Chair, FIU (2011), Political Science, “From HOPE to HELP: Global Supply Chains and Haiti’s Apparel Assembly Industry”
• Dimmy Herard, FIU, Political Science, “Disaster and the Co-opting of the Democratic Imperative”
• Felix Jean Louis, FIU, Political Science, “Capitalizing on Goodwill: Ludovic Rosemond and Haitian Transnational Entrepreneurship, 1934-1938”

Discussant (15 minutes)
- Dr. Bernd Reiter, Associate Professor and Graduate Director, Department of Government & International Affairs, University of South Florida

Audience – Q&A (10 minutes)
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10:40 - 11:55 A.M. ~ Broward Room

PANEL 11 — HEALTH & MEDICAL SCIENCES II

- **Denise Vidot**, Panel Chair, UM (2011), Epidemiology
- **Felicia Griffin**, FSU (2014), Statistics, “An Examination of the Concept of Frailty in the Elderly”

Discussants (15 minutes)

- **Dr. Diane Allen-Gipson**, Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of South Florida
- **Dr. Ernest Amankwah**, Epidemiologist, Clinical and Translational Research Organization, All Children’s Hospital, Johns Hopkins Medicine; and Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine
- **Dr. Stacy Davis**, Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Health Outcomes & Behavior, Moffitt Cancer Center
- **Dr. Umesh Jinwal**, Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of South Florida

Audience – Q&A (10 Minutes)

10:40 - 11:55 A.M. ~ Pasco Room

PANEL 12 — PHYSICAL SCIENCES I

- **Jaired Tate**, Panel Chair, UF (2014), Chemistry, “Spectroscopic Characterization of the Excited State Properties of Ruthenium Polypyridine Complexes”
- **Candice Ulmer**, UF (2012), Chemistry, “Untargeted Metabolomics and Lipidomics Workflows Type 1 Diabetes Biomarker Discovery using CD4+ T cells”

Discussants (15 minutes)

- **Dr. Maurice Edington**, Dean, College of Science and Technology, Florida A&M University
- **Dr. Valeria Kleiman**, Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry, University of Florida

Audience – Q&A (10 Minutes)

10:40 - 11:55 A.M. ~ Collier Room

PANEL 13 — AGRICULTURE


Discussant (15 minutes)

- **Dr. Sally Williams**, Associate Professor, Department of Animal Sciences, University of Florida

Audience – Q&A (10 Minutes)

10:40 - 11:55 A.M. ~ Santa Rosa Room

PANEL 14 — HUMANITIES II


Discussants (15 minutes)

- **Dr. Christine Arce**, Assistant Professor, Department of Modern Languages, University of Miami
- **Dr. Genyne Boston**, Professor, Department of English, Florida A&M University
- **Dr. Robin Brooks**, Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of English, University of South Florida

Audience – Q&A (10 Minutes)
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PANEL 15 — CRIMINOLOGY
• Danielle Tolson, Panel Chair, UF (2009), Criminology, “The Role of Race and Context in Understanding Stigmatization of Sex Offender Exonerees”
• Miltonette Craig, FSU (2013), Criminology, “The (Counter) Productivity of Order-Maintenance Policing”
• Andrea Headley, FIU (2013), Public Affairs, “Does Race Really Matter in ‘Stand Your Ground’ Outcomes?”
• Cresean Hughes, FSU (2010), Criminology, “Racial Threat and Its Influence on Punishment Outcomes for Florida High School Students”

Discussants (15 minutes)
- Dr. Tony Barringer, Associate Provost and Associate VP for Faculty Affairs, Office of Academic Affairs, Florida Gulf Coast University
- Dr. Simone O’Bryan, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Florida Gulf Coast University
- Dr. Barbara Zsembik, Associate Professor and Chair, Department of Sociology and Criminology and Law, University of Florida

Audience – Q&A (10 Minutes)

12:00 - 1:50 P.M. ~ Grand Ballroom West

LUNCHEON & PRESENTATIONS
• Mark Santana, USF (2014), Civil & Environmental Engineering, “The Effect of Smart Growth on Water Supply”

2:00 - 3:30 P.M. ~ Sarasota Room

PANEL 16 — ANTHROPOLOGY
• Candy Hurtado, FAU (2013), Comparative Studies, “The Subaltern Speaks: Dance as Performative Mimicry in the Central Peruvian Andes, the Case of the Tumantada of Jauja”

Discussants (15 minutes)
- Dr. Simone O’Bryan, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Florida Gulf Coast University
- Dr. Fernando Rivera, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Central Florida

Audience – Q&A (10 Minutes)

2:00 - 3:30 P.M. ~ Broward Room

PANEL 17 — MARINE SCIENCES
• Adrienne George, Panel Chair, USF (2011), Marine Science
• Chanda Littles, UF (2011), Biology, “Manatees and Submerged Aquatic Vegetation in Coastal Florida”
• Jame McCray, UF (2009), Biology/Marine Science, “Sea Turtle Friendly Lighting in Florida: Understanding the Policy Implementation and Enforcement Process”

Discussant (15 minutes)
- Dr. Sennai Habtes, Research Associate, Stock Assessment Program, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

Audience – Q&A (10 Minutes)
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2:00 - 3:30 P.M. ~ Pasco Room

PANEL 18 — BUSINESS

• Oscar Harvin, Panel Chair, FAU (2011), Accounting, “The Moderating Effect of an Auditor’s Need for Closure”
• Reginald Harris, FSU, Business Administration, “Does Location Predict Which Universities Receive Corporate Donations?”

Discussants (15 minutes)

- Dr. Bruce Lamont, Thomas L. Williams Eminent Scholar in Strategic Management, Florida State University

Audience – Q&A (10 Minutes)

2:00 - 3:30 P.M. ~ Hernando Room

PANEL 19 — PHYSICAL SCIENCES II

• Ophelia George, Panel Chair, USF (2014), Geosciences, “Improving Seismic Event Locations on Dominica Using the Hypodd Algorithm to Enhance Volcanic Hazard Assessments”
• Sarah Mena, UF (2012), Chemical Engineering, “Parameters Affecting the Localized Fluidization in a Particle Medium”

Discussants (15 minutes)

- Dr. Maurice Edington, Dean, College of Science and Technology, Florida A&M University
- Dr. Valeria Kleiman, Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry, University of Florida

Audience – Q&A (10 Minutes)

2:00 - 3:30 P.M. ~ Santa Rosa Room

PANEL 20 — HEALTH & MEDICAL SCIENCES III

• Adonis McQueen, Panel Chair, USF (2014), Molecular Medicine, “Synthesis and in vitro Activity of a Fluorescent Primaquine Probe”
• Phaedra Thomas, USF (2009), Public Health, “Phenotypic Characterization of the Plasmodium falciparum Not1 (PF3D7_1103800) Gene Knockout and Heat Shock Analysis of the PiggyBac Mutant Library”
• Karessa White, UF (2012), Communication Sciences & Disorders, “The Role of Mitochondrial Isocitrate Dehydrogenase 2 in Age-Related Hearing Loss in Mice”

Discussants (15 minutes)

- Dr. Diane Allen-Gipson, Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of South Florida
- Dr. Tyisha Hathorne, Associate Director, Graduate Minority Programs, University of Florida
- Dr. Umesh Jinwal, Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of South Florida
- Dr. Maj-Linda Selenica, Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of South Florida

Audience – Q&A (10 Minutes)

3:40 - 4:00 P.M. ~ Grand Ballroom East

CLOSING REMARKS

• Dr. Lawrence Morehouse, President & CEO, FEF

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