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DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES



Dr. Marco Altamirano had an article published by Nautilus Magazine. Additionally, the article was recently selected and produced as a podcast by Curio. Curio only selects a handful of the best articles from big magazines to be read on their platform.

Dr. Michael Torregano participated in the Historic New Orleans Collection's symposium titled "Making Marching Bands: How Music Education Creates the Heartbeat of Mardi Gras" on March 8, 2022.

HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

March 9, 2022, the following events took place, Mr. John Barrilleaux and Mrs. Sharon McGee contributed to the AHIMA Clinical Documentation Integrity (CDI) Toolkit Beginners' Guide. This toolkit in January 2022 by AHIMA and is available to HIM professionals across the country. Also, Mrs. Sharon McGee attended the Medical Coding Demystified with MindTap with the Regional Customer Success Team.

March 16-18, 2022, Mr. John Barrilleaux and Mrs. Sharon McGee attended the 2022 Virtual L HIMA Convention. HIMS Student Shalonda Wilson is the recipient of the Eddie Cooksey Scholarship and will be awarded during the LHIMA Convention. Shalonda Wilson will also present the SUNO update to the general conference to recognize her work.

March 21-22, 2022, Mr. John Barrilleaux and Mrs. Sharon McGee attended the Louisiana HOSA State Leadership Conference. The HOSA organization consists of high school students interested in health care careers. This event will be an opportunity to recruit students across the state for SUNO health-related programs.

March 28, 2022, Mr. John Barrilleaux and Mrs. Sharon McGee virtually attended the AHIMA Advocacy Summit, where health information leaders and national policymakers connect. Mrs. McGee and Mr. Barrilleaux will meet with lawmakers and/or staff to discuss healthcare-related legislation supported by the greater HIM community.

February 22, 2022, Mr. John Barrilleaux attended the American Hospital Association Coding Clinic update by webinar. This presentation reviewed those updates to the AHA Coding resources that help to answer complicated questions related to coding of diagnoses and procedures. This update is done by AHA each quarter and is one of the fundamental resources for accurate coding.

On **February 23, 2022**, Mr. John Barrilleaux and Mrs. Sharon McGee attended an AHIMA practice council meeting. John Barrilleaux is the co-chair of the Coding, Terminologies, and Classifications practice council, and Sharon McGee is part of the Revenue Cycle practice council. INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES PROGRAM

The Interdisciplinary Studies Program has completed its five-year review. The Program Reviewer was Dr. Toya Barnes Teamer of Teamer Strategy Group, LLC. Dr. Lewis and Ms. Ceaser Noble virtually attended the Big Times in the Big Easy Symposium: "A Day of Diagnosis," sponsored by the University of New Orleans.

CENTER FOR AFRICAN AND AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES (CAAAS)

The Center for African and African American Studies (CAAAS) continues its 2021-2022 Programming Year Celebrating SANKOFA: Lest We Forget! From the Pyramids to the Present.

CAAAS prepares to celebrate Women's History Month

March 25, 2022: In keeping with the 2022 Women's History Month theme, "Providing Healing, Promoting Hope," the Center prepares to Celebrate and Honor our 2022 Living Legend Honorees, Vera Warren Williams, and Jennifer Turner.

Mrs. Williams is the owner of the Community Book Center nestled at 2523 Bayou Road. The bookstore is more than a bookstore. It is a cultural and literary hub specializing in African-centered literature, art, fabric, jewelry and more. Both Mrs. Williams and Turner have been providing healing and promoting hope since 1983. The



Vera Warren Williams



Jennifer "Mama Jenn" Turner.

Center for African and African American Studies concluded its African American History Month Celebration with its annual Charles Frye Memorial Lecture.

February 1, 2022: The Center for African and African Studies presented its pre-recorded annual Charles Frye Memorial Lecture via SUNO's website (suno.edu) and YouTube. This year's lecturer was United States Representative Troy A. Carter (2nd Congressional District). Representative Carter addressed, Why African Americans Should Demand and Protect Voting Rights.

February 21-22, 2022: CAAAS, and the Southern University Ag. Center sponsored two anti-tobacco workshops at St. Katharine Drexel Preparatory and McDonogh No. 35 (pictured) High Schools. The presenter was Mr. Ryan Sugulleh, Assistant Director for the Communities of Color Network, who explained how big tobacco companies overly target African Americans. Mr. Sugulleh discussed strategies that African American youth can implement to avoid tobacco consumption.

SPRING 2022:

February 23, 2022: Dr. Clyde C. Robertson, during the NAIA's site visit to the SUNO campus, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the history of SUNO's Athletics Department, Through the Decades, covering the 1970s through the 2000s. Dr. Robertson serves as SUNO's Faculty Athletics Representative.

Dr. Robertson continues to execute the following Grants:
Ochsner Foundation Award: Collaboration with Dr. Eid, Director of Museum Studies:
Authentic Voices: African American Reflections of COVID-19- Stories of Sickness, Loss, and Triumph in New Orleans.

February 1, 2021-January 31, 2022: National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH):
Pontchartrain Park Pioneers: An Oral History of New Orleans' Civil Rights Era Segregated "Black Suburb in the City" Curriculum Development initiative.

August 1, 2020-March 31, 2022: State of Louisiana-Louisiana Division of Historic Preservation Grant: Pontchartrain Park Pioneers Oral History Project.
Additionally, Ms. Linda Hill, Curator/Archivist of CAAAS, continues to develop the SUNO-CAAAS Archive.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL SCIENCES

Dr. Christian Clement was awarded a third grant funding from LA EPSCoR SURE undergraduate research for Ms. Taylor Williams for 2022 titled '3-D modeling of nano-efficient manufactured deep drug delivery to cancers and emerging Covid-19 type persistent viral infections' Work for this grant continuing.

Dr. Christian Clement was awarded the first new grant funding from LA EPSCoR SURE undergraduate research for Ms. Brionne Stinger for 2022 titled 'Nano-probing Screens in evaluating asymptomatic lung cancer' Work for this grant has started.

Dr. Clement was one of the LOUIS OER-Open Education Resource Grant awardees. Dr. Clement and members of Cohort I have completed phase I and phase II and are currently in phase III. Dr. Clement and Dr. Lisa Mims-Devezin, members of Cohort II, have made inputs that specifically target Disability accommodations.

Drs. Elaasar, Belmasrou, Clement, and Kim are PI and Co_PIs for the Pipeline Development of Skilled Workforce in STEM through Advanced Manufacturing (STEAM) by the DoE/NNSA and have submitted a new Grant for the next five years.

Dr. Rachid Belmasrou, PI and Drs. Christian Clement, Mostafa Elaasar, and Dr. Heon Kim Co-PIs have received a one-year extension for the Pipeline Development of Skilled Workforce in STEM through Advanced Manufacturing (STEAM) grant, U. S. Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), the Minority Serving Institution Partnership Program (MSIPP).

Dr. Christian Clement-PI, together with Department of Natural Sciences Faculty-CoPIs and SNO Nurse Ms. Sheryl Crosby, have received a two year \$400,000 Louisiana Dept. of Health/State of Louisiana Health Disparities Grant titled 'Expanding Curricula, Training and Outreach of Southern University at New Orleans Biology/Forensic Science, Nursing and Pre-med Undergraduate Students Under COVID-19 Response Health Equity Strategy with the LA Health Department.

Tchavdar T. Marinov

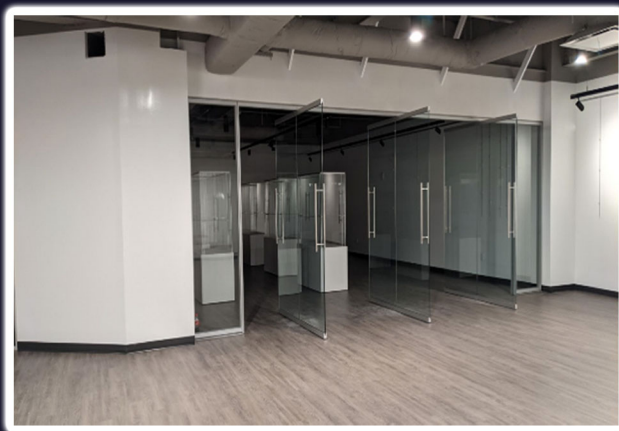
A paper titled "Inverse problem for adaptive SIR model: Application to COVID-19 in Latin America" was published in the Elsevier journal Infectious Disease Modelling. The full reference is:

Tchavdar T. Marinov, Rossitza S. Marinova, Inverse problem for adaptive SIR model: Application to COVID-19 in Latin America, Infectious Disease Modelling, Volume 7, Issue 1, 2022, Pages 134-148, ISSN 2468-0427,

The paper is already re-printed on the National Center for Biotechnology Information website.

MUSEUM STUDIES PROGRAM

Dr. Sara Hollis, Professor Cynthia Ramirez, and Dr. Haitham Eid received a \$150,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to support salaries and supplies for the new Southern University at New Orleans Museum of Art (SONOMA). The Master of Arts in Museum Studies Program manages and operates the museum and is expected to open in Fall 2022.



Dr. Haitham Eid received a \$150,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) to support his research on “new digital leadership in museums and cultural institutions.”

On March 14, Dr. Eid and Dr. Hollis gave President-Elect Dennis Shields and Dr. James H. Ammons, Chancellor of SUNO, a brief tour of SONOMA.

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS & PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Academic Excellence Initiatives

Dr. Patricia Robertson Presides over COMPA Conference

Dr. Patricia Robertson, Associate Professor of Public Administration, presided over the 2022 Virtual Annual Conference of Minority Public Administrators (COMPA), March 2 - March 5, 2022. The conference's theme was "Shifting Paradigms – Challenging Assumptions: Minority Administrators Adapting to Changing Environments and the Impact on Local, National, Indigenous, Tribal, and Other Global Communities. According to COMPA," the 2022 conference theme "Shifting Paradigms, Challenging Assumptions: Minority Administrators, Adapting To Changing Environments" serves as a clarion call to all concerned public service leaders, scholars, administrators, nonprofit leaders, and community advocates/stakeholders to expand the discourse through intellectual forums, research considerations, collaborative partnerships, and the creation of successful governance structures to begin tackling these challenges and restoring public service values and meaningful governance.

" Dr. Robertson is the 2021-2022 President of COMPA. Dr. Robertson had served in various positions at COMPA, including President-Elect, before ascending into the presidency in 2021. Dr. Igwe E. Udeh, Dean of the College of Business & Public Administration, attended the conference as a guest and gave a welcome remark to the participants. Over the past five years, SUNO's Public Administration Club members have attended COMPA conferences where they competed and won debates and project competitions.



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"Read. Analyze. Think & Learn"

Engage employees in clear and accurate conversations. Don't be distracted by drama. Be addicted to Truth & Results.

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Know your employees' interests, needs, capabilities.

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2022 Beta Gamma Sigma Induction Ceremony

The 2022 induction ceremony of the SUNO Chapter of Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society will take place on Friday, March 25, 2022, at the Millie Charles Social Work Building. The keynote speaker will be Ms. Kemberly Washington, CPA, president of Washington CPA Services, LLC. The Mission of the International Honor Society Beta Gamma Sigma is to encourage and honor academic achievement in the study of business, cultivate and celebrate leadership and professional excellence, advance the values of the Society, and serve its lifelong members. The objectives of Beta Gamma Sigma are:

- **Encourage and honor academic achievement by students of business and management through chapters in business programs accredited by AACSB International**
- **Develop Beta Gamma Sigma members as student and professional leaders, and celebrate continuing leadership and excellence**
- **Foster in Beta Gamma Sigma members an enduring commitment to the founding principles and values of the Society: honor and integrity, the pursuit of wisdom, earnestness, and service**
- **Connect Beta Gamma Sigma student and alumni members to each other and opportunities in their professional lives**

CBA's Spring 2022 Professional Development Activity Week

The College of Business & Public Administration will celebrate the Spring 2022 Professional Development Activity Week from March 21 to 25, 2022. Mrs. Yolander Albert Smith, DXC Project Manager SUS SUNO, will present a Career Fair Preparation workshop at 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM in Room 100 of the College of Business Building on Monday, March 21, 2022. Students will be treated to a seminar themed "The Internship Experience & Dressing for Success" to be presented by Jasmine Brown – Public Policy Manager, Greater New Orleans, Inc.; Tracee Dundas - Program Coordinator, Dress for Success, and Patrick Young – Founder & CEO, Sharp Men on Tuesday, March 22, 2022, at 11:00 AM in the College of Business Building. CBA students will join their peers across the campus for the SUNO Career Fair on Thursday, March 24, 2022, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM on the 2nd Floor, University Center, SUNO Park Campus. The final event will be the induction of high achieving CBA students into the Beta Gamma Sigma Society on Friday, March 25, 2022



MILLIE M. CHARLES

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK



March is Social Work Month, and the Millie M. Charles School of Social Work is busy with many activities as we welcome students back to the campus. This month, the School of Social Work received approval of the progress report for the MSW program. This means that the MSW program is clear of future reports until the next accreditation, 2028. The School is also working with the Baton Rouge campus to prepare the application for an online program option for the MSW program at SUNO.

Drs. Rebecca Chaisson and Harry Russell continue to co-lead the Adhoc committee for Macro Practice licensure, an agenda item of the Interorganizational Committee (IOC), a state-wide alliance of social work professionals. They are serving as leaders to assist the IOC and state in restructuring the licensure categories to include independent practice by social work practitioners whose area of practice and training is in administration, community organizing, policy, and other sites that engage the larger community in structural change.

In addition, on March 14, the faculty and staff had an opportunity to welcome and greet President-elect Dennis Shields, the new President of Southern University. The Dean included President Shields and his wife in the School of Social Work, where they were received by the SUNO and New Orleans community. They both have leadership accomplishments in higher education in admissions and enrollment management. Faculty members present to meet and greet the president-elect besides Dean Chaisson, including Drs. Kevin Brown, Holly McKenney, Damekia Morgan, Jill Murray, Julianna Padgett, Torin Sanders, and Professor Claude Montegut. The faculty who remained for the entire reception was pleased to meet with Dr. Ford, the vice-chancellor of academic affairs, and the Southern System Board Chair, Attorney Edwin Shorty. See the photo at left and below. From the left front row: Claude Montegut, Rebecca Chaisson, Jill Murray, Holly Mckenney, Kevin Brown, and Attorney Edwin Shorty. The faculty enjoyed the discussion about SUNO's future and the role we all play in helping to realize the university's goals, along with his role as the Southern System Board President. As a side note, Attorney Shorty was a work-study student under the founding Dean, Millie M. Charles. On another note, Dr. Ford, Vice-Chancellor of Academic Affairs, enjoyed some time with some social work faculty members. The photo below includes standing from left: Dean Chaisson, Vice-Chancellor Ford, Dr. Mckenney, Dr. Murray- seated Dr. Brown and Professor Claude Montegut.

“SUNO’s Future Health Care Social Workers In Action”

Dr. Derrick Freeman led the SW HEALS (Healthcare Education and Leadership Scholars) on Sunday, March 6, due to the initiative of one of the scholars, SUNO MSW student Angela Owczarek, who works with the homeless population. Dr. Freeman and the students distributed information about access to free housing and counseling resources such as hygiene supplies. They provided emotional support to individuals in downtown New Orleans. Dr. Freeman says that according to his research, about 580,466 homeless people live in the United States. He adds that while this number has been steadily decreasing since 2007, it has increased in the last two years (Regan et al., 2021). The culture of New Orleans makes the city a fun place to visit. It is a fact that every spring, the homeless population grows in N.O. due to the increase in visitors who come for festivals and, for numerous reasons, are unable to get themselves home. Social Work HEALS was created to develop the next generation of health care social work leaders who will stand ready to lead efforts to address system-level changes, heighten awareness of prevention and wellness, and address the issues of structural racism that are embedded in social institutions.

The HEALS Scholars program grant funds ended in December 2022, and the scholars continue to demonstrate a commitment to providing leadership and services in social work health care. The students participating are in the photo to the left: Angela Owczarek (MSW student, C/O of 2022) led this event with the involvement of five other HEALS Scholars - MSW students (Gregory Roberts, C/O 2022; Summer Creekbaum, C/O 2022; Paige Logan, C/O 2022; Aunjeneer Coner, C/O 2022; and Julia Gobin, C/O 2022), and Dr. Freeman (PI, HEALS Scholars Program). These scholars have the knowledge and skills to point out that effective interventions require targeting those most at risk and have called for creative use of data gathered on the homeless population and better coordination with the City of New Orleans, state institutions, and systems that may be able to identify the antecedents to homelessness. Regan, K. M., Ellen, I. G., & House, S. (2021). How to address homelessness: Reflections from Research. *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, 693, 1, 322-332.



“SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK FACULTY ENGAGE WITH KIPP EAST COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL”



On February 8, 2022, Dr. Freeman (Associate Professor of Social Work) teamed up with the Sixth Grade teachers and students at KIPP East Community Primary School to discuss the importance of college, understanding the HBCU experience, and choosing the right major and profession. KIPP East currently serves grades pre-Kindergarten through 8th and is part of the KIPP New Orleans Schools public charter networks located in New Orleans. Dr. Freeman explained that college is vital for many reasons, including long-term financial gain, job stability, career satisfaction, and success outside of the workplace. He engaged the 30 students in didactic activities and dialogue that highlighted that more and more occupations require advanced education to enter the workforce. During this school event, Dr. Freeman acknowledged that every student has different gifts, needs, and interests and that the students should consider the following factors to help inform their decision - geographic location, academic majors available, educational quality, School size,

cost (affordable), campus environment, available campus resources, and their support systems. Dr. Freeman encouraged the students to start thinking and looking at colleges now and that participation in extracurricular activities (highlighted how this will demonstrate that they are a team-player/involvement), and volunteer ongoing (explained how this can help set you apart from other applicants applying for that college or scholarship award). The students were engaged, eager for knowledge, curious, and highly involved during the visit.

Monique Hurst, MSW, LMSW Title IV-E Coordinator

Developing a Partnership with the National Adoption Association

Dr. Rebecca Chaisson, Dean and Monique Hurst, Title IV-E Program Coordinator at Southern University- Millie M. Charles School of Social Work had the pleasure of hosting Ms. Kamilah Bunn, CEO with the National Adoption Association (NAA). The organization's mission, Leaders Advancing Best Practices in Adoption from Foster Care. The services areas of focus are:

- Adoption and Foster Care Awareness
- Adoption Matching
- Adoption and Foster Care Advocacy
- Capacity Building and Education Title IV-E Scholars and other students in the School of Social Work have the opportunity to volunteer and attend the National Adoption Association Conference sponsored by Title IV-E. The conference will be held in May 2022 at Harrah's Hotel in New Orleans. In addition, attendees will be provided a scholarship for conference attendance, have the opportunity to network with professionals in the workforce and speaking opportunities. The School of Social Work is excited about this opportunity to build the workforce of Adoption specialists. This collaboration is an excellent opportunity as it supports the Title IV-E Child Welfare Training Program and the Workforce. It is also supported by the University Alliance which are all of the universities who training social workers in the area of child welfare services.



Holly McKenney, Ph.D., LCSW

Dr. McKenney participated in a Krewe of Harmonia (of which she is a Charter Member) Mardi Gras Afternoon of Service Project with Culture AID NOLA at the St. Roch Community Church and Center. Working with members of Culture AID NOLA, Dr. McKenney and her fellow volunteers packed boxes of fresh fruits, vegetables, canned goods, and other nonperishable items, 5-pound bags of potatoes, and 1 case of fresh drinking water. During this 5-hour event, over 300 families in need were served without question or proof of residency. Participants also were given three free COVID-19 at-home testing kits and hand sanitizer packets. Dr. McKenney plans to invite the SUNO School of Social Work BSW and MSW students to participate in similar Culture AID NOLA events.



Mrs. Camille Alexander, Dr. Julianna Padgett & Professor Claude Montegut.

Mrs. Camille Alexander, Dr. Julianna Padgett, and Professor Claude Montegut greeted these social work students who took graduation pictures, ordered caps and gowns, and other graduation supplies on March 11th in the College of Education. They also used the opportunity to recruit students to the MSW program. The event was sponsored by the Office of Student Affairs. Dr. H. Eid facilitated the Grad Fair component of the event. Students in the photo include: Alyssia Smith, Onyasha Burns, Dane Jeffrey, Keisha Brown, Delane Jones, Rashunda Hall, Keiajuana Davillier, Sydnee Robertson, and Tiana Smith.



**WE LOOK
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NEXT MONTH'S
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