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COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Dr. Evelyn Harrell, Dean

THE CENTER FOR AFRICAN AND AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES (CAAAS)



The Celebration Continues.... The Center for African and African American Studies (CAAAS) continues its 2020-2021 Year Celebrating **AYA-Endurance & Resourcefulness: African Americans: Overcoming 400 Years of Enslavement and Oppression through Endurance and Resourcefulness:**

February 1-25, 2021: The Center for African and African American Studies (CAAAS) celebrates Black History Month with one of our signature programs, **The Charles Frye Memorial Lecture**. In keeping with the Center's Cultural theme, AYA, our Keynote Speaker, the **Honorable Edmond Jordan, State Representative, Louisiana House of Representatives-District 29**, addressed, *House Bill 51 Revisited: Holding Police Accountable for Their Actions Perpetrated against Louisiana's Black Citizens*. This year's Charles Frye Memorial Lecture was a Virtual Presentation. As of February 19, 2021, this event has been viewed by 155 viewers.



February 26, 2021: "I CAN'T BREATHE": A Panel Discussion about Race, Racism, and Lasting Change in Louisiana.

This historic occurrence will be expertly hosted by Political Consultant and WBOK AM Radio Talk Show Host, Oliver Thomas. The panel will feature: **Keith C. Ferdinand, MD**, Professor of Clinical Medicine at Tulane University Heart and Vascular Institute. *"How Race and Zip Codes Determines a Person's Health in Louisiana."*



Andeanecia Morris, Executive Director –HousingNOLA

"How Raced-based Discriminatory Housing Practices and Policies Continue to Adversely Impact upon African Americans in New Orleans and throughout Louisiana"



Raynard Sanders, PhD, Award-Winning Author, Educator, Administrator, Radio Talk Show Host, and Community Activist. *"How Race and Racism Led to the Take Over of the New Orleans Public School System"*



George Amedee, PhD, Emmett W. Bashful Endowed Chair Professor of Political Science, Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO)

"Historical and Contemporary Racism in New Orleans/Louisiana Politics: What Should African Americans do to Hold Elected Officials Accountable?"



February 17, 2021 (6:30pm-7:00pm): Dr. Clyde C. Robertson served as Keynote Speaker for the Sixth Street Baptist Church Black History Month Program. Dr. Robertson addressed *AYA: Reflections on the Legacy of Malcolm X (Still Relevant after 56 Years)*. Rev. Torin T. Sanders, PhD, LCSW is the Pastor.

February 11, 2021 (6pm): Dr. Clyde C. Robertson served as a Panelist for the YWCA-Shreveport, LA, Black History Month 2021 Virtual Celebration. Dr. Robertson joined other panelists to answer a critical discussion topic, *"Is Black on Black Crime Really a Thing?"*

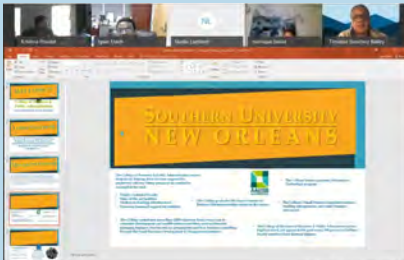
February 4, 2021 (2pm-4pm): Dr. Clyde C. Robertson attended the virtual National Endowment for the Humanities: *Humanities Initiatives Project Directors' Meeting*.

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS & PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Igwe Udeh, Dean

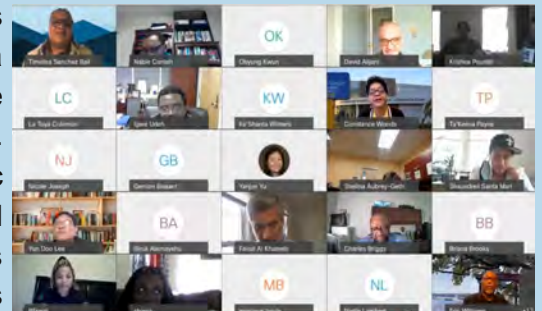
CBA Hosts Spring 2021 New Student Orientation

The College of Business & Public Administration (CBA) Office of Student Services (OSS) hosted the Spring 2021 New and Transfer Students Virtual Orientation on Wednesday, February 10, 2021. The theme of the meeting was "Getting Focused". The meeting was hosted by Mrs. Timotea Bailey, the CBA Director of Student Services and DXC Partnership Recruitment Manager.



The meeting presented a forum for educating all new freshmen and transfer students, as well as any other student that chose to attend about the various units within the CBA, the assortment of services available within and outside the college, the various opportunities for professional engagement and recreation, and an introduction to the CBA faculty, staff, clubs, and administrators. The Dean of the College, Dr. Igwe Udeh, shared the vision, mission, learning goals & objectives, career opportunities, and accomplishments of the College, including AACSB accreditation and notable alumni, as an inspiration to the participants.

Officers from various student support service centers at SUNO, such as Center for Comprehensive Communication tutorial center (Ms. Mera Bercy), Student Support Services (Mrs. Linda Frederick), The Washington Library (Ms. Shatiqua Mosby-Wilson), E-Learning (Ms. Shelia Wood), and SUNO-DXC Technology Partnership (Mr. Eric Williams) were on hand to inform the participants about the special resources in their respective units as well as tips for maximizing access to those resources. At the conclusion of presentations the students introduced themselves, including their major, classification, and hometown. Several questions from students were asked and answered. More than 65 students, faculty, and staff attended the session.



Dean Udeh Serves in AACSB Review Committee



Dr. Igwe E. Udeh, the Alvin James Lawson Endowed Professor and Dean of the College of Business & Public Administration attended the virtual meeting of the Initial Accreditation Committee (IAC) of the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International (AACSB) on Thursday, February 19, 2021. The IAC oversees the acceptance of eligibility applications, approves the initial Self-Evaluation Reports (iSER), guides institutions in the implementation of the plans, and oversees processes for initial business accreditation. The ultimate responsibility of the committee is to ensure consistency of accreditation standards application and equity of recommendations across teams and across programs reviewed. IAC is composed of between thirty-two and forty members, half of who serve on each of the IAC's two operating subcommittees (IAC-Y and IAC-Z). The two subcommittees are headed by a single IAC Chair with Vice Chairs appointed to each subcommittee. The subcommittees are responsible for dealing with the accreditation caseload. Dean Udeh served as a reviewer of nine eligibility application and self-evaluation reports. Dean Udeh was appointed to the IAC in 2020 for a three-year term ending in 2023.

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Publications, Proceedings and Conference Presentations (January-February 2021)

Journal Publication & Papers Under Review:

Dr. Victor Ukpolo, "Gross Fixed Capital Formation and Economic Growth in Nigeria," **Nigerian Journal of Economic and Social Studies (NJESS)**, Vol. 64, No. X, (2022).

Dr. Yun Doo Lee, "Retirement Preparation: Hippies versus the X & Y Cohort," **Journal of Economic Cooperation and Development** (publication forthcoming).

Dr. Simeon Okpechi and Dr. Samuel Eweni, "Economic Impact of Accounting Education on Community Engagement: AVITA/TCE Tax Center Case Study," **Global Review of Business and Technology Journal (GRBT)** (under review).

Paper Presentations:

Dr. Yun Doo Lee, Assistant Professor of Finance and Marketing, presented a paper titled "Bank Selection Criteria: Evidence from American Student before and during COVID-19," at the **58th Academy of Economics and Finance (AEF)** Virtual Conference, February 11-13, 2021.

Dr. Simeon Okpechi and Dr. Samuel Eweni, presented a paper titled "Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and Tax Counseling for the Elderly Program: Evaluation of Its Mission, Operations, and Sustainability Challenges," at the **Academy of Business Research** Virtual Conference, January 6-8, 2021.

Proceedings Publications:

Dr. Yun Doo Lee, "Bank Selection Criteria: Evidence from American Student before and during COVID-19," **Proceedings of the 58th Academy of Economics and Finance (AEF)** Virtual Conference, February 11-13, 2021.

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Professional Conferences:

Dr. Yun Doo Lee, Assistant Professor of Finance and Marketing, attended the **Allied Social Science Associations (ASSA)** 2021 Virtual Conference on January 3-5, 2021.

Dr. Simeon Okpechi, *participant*, **Academy of Business Research** Virtual Conference, January 6-8, 2021.

Dr. Samuel Eweni, *participant*, **Academy of Business Research** Virtual Conference, January 6-8, 2021.

Dr. Simeon Okpechi, Professor of Accounting, served as a *discussant* at the **Academy of Business Research** Virtual Conference, January 6-8, 2021.

Professional Outreach to Students & Community:**SUNO Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Center Opens**

Dr. Simeon Okpechi, Professor of Accounting and Director of the SUNO VITA Center, with the assistance of several Business students and volunteers, continues to provide free income tax preparation to the elderly and low-income residents in the community under the sponsorship of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program, until April 2021. Several tax returns have been successfully prepared and submitted. The new VITA office is located SUNO University Conference and is open by appointment only on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. The Center follows SUNO COVID-19 safety guidelines. For additional information or appointment, please call 504-286-5303.

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*(Continued)***SBDMI Workshops/Seminars/Trainings/Meetings (January-February 2021):**

Mrs. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director, Small Business Development & Management Institute, reported the following activities and achievements during January & February 2021.

- Small Business Incubator Tenant Virtual Meeting; January 8, 2021; All tenants invited to address concerns and IT issues at Incubator Building; Invited Mr. Cummings, IT Director, Bruce Adams, Chief of Campus Police; Dr. Udeh, Dean, CBA, and all tenants of the Incubator.
- SEBD Quarterly Intermediary Meeting; January 14, 2021; Virtual Meeting of all LED-SEBD intermediaries from around the State to discuss best practices for the program and improve the delivery of services to small businesses around the State of Louisiana.
- Virtual NAACP Wealth Building Seminar, SBDMI Weekly Every Friday, Co-Host; January & February 2021; January 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2021; Presented on Entrepreneurship as a wealth-building tool for minorities; Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director.
- Live Broad Cast of WBOK Radio Program; Show broadcast remotely; January, 8,15, 22, & February 2021; "SUNO Small Business Institute Network," sponsored by SUNO Small Business Incubator and Louisiana Economic Development (LED); The show offers valuable tools and information designed to help New Orleans small business owners take their business to the next level as well as assisting those individuals wishing to start a business. The show provides resources and information essential to small businesses. The show broadcast every Thursday 12:30 to 1:00 pm on WBOK AM Radio; Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director Host
- General Virtual Assembly; January 26, 2021; All SUNO Staff and Faculty; Ms. Diana Thomas & Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu.
- Virtual CBA Departmental Meeting; January 27, 2021; CBA Faculty & Staff; Ms. Diana Thomas and Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director.
- Live Plan Entrepreneurial Training; January 27, 2021; 1st of 8-week training; ending on March 5, 2021; Virtual Platform to teach how to develop a Business Plan on an interactive platform on your own time; Self-paced for the participants; 14 Participants; Monday & Wednesday each week 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm; Mr. Omar Aziz and Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu.
- Louisiana Economic Development (LED) Peer-to-Peer Roundtable; January & February 2021; 6th & 7th of 10 sessions; Virtual Meetings; 14 participants; Business owners met for peer-to-peer learning, brainstorming, and problem-solving. Business owners safely explored business and personal issues in a supportive, confidential, and trusting environment. The roundtables are problem-solving sessions that address issues important to the business owner. Invited Industry guests to discuss access to new and innovative business and business growth; Ms. Irma Dixon, Facilitator, the Peer-to-Peer Guest Speakers.
- Professional Service Contract Virtual Review Meeting; February 4, 2021; Review and revision of the Professional Service Contract process at SUNO; Key Individuals at the University that use this process regularly; Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu.
- Professional Service Contract 2nd Virtual Review Meeting; February 4, 2021; Review and revision of the Professional Service Contract process at SUNO; Key Individuals at the University that use this process regularly; Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu.
- Clean Energy Virtual Meeting; February 18, 2021; Monthly call to discuss program activities; Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu.

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- Department of Public Safety & Corrections (DPS&C) Reentry In-Person Six-Week "Road to Re-Entry & Self-Employment Success Program"; November Culminating Program November 7, 2020; CBA, Room 100; 14 Participants; All Program Participants, DPS& C Program Recruitment Staff, Mr. Omar Aziz, Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director, Ms. Ria Brown. (See Pictures).
- Louisiana Notary Prep Training; January & February 2021; CBA Room 100; 12 participants; In-depth weekly training in preparation for Louisiana Notary Law Exam; Mr. Craig Duronslet, Instructor, Mr. Cedric Morgan, Instructor, Ms. Diana Thomas, and Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director.
- Department of Public Safety & Corrections (DPS&C)Re- Reentry Virtual Check-In Meeting; February 2021; All Program Participants, DPS& C Staff, Ms. Nicole George & Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director.
- HBCU-CDAC Grant Assistance; February 2021 Virtual Meeting; Discussion on the \$ 5½ M roll-out of the Funded grant awarded to the HBCU-CDAC Wells Fargo Financial Literacy Grant; Executive Board and Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director.
- Tour of Small Business Incubator for future tenants; January & February 2021; several Incubator tours and what we have to offer potential tenants; Ms. Mary Thomas, Mary & Company, & Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director. Incubator now has 11 Tenants in the Incubator.
- Meeting to Develop SBDMI/Incubator's upcoming Seminars/Workshops; Ongoing; Ms. Diana Thomas & Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director.
- Small and Emerging Business Development (SEBD); (Ongoing); 9 Assessments; Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director, Mr. Omar Aziz, Contractor.
- SEBD One-on-One; (5); Call-in Clients; Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director, Consultant Mr. Omar Aziz & Ms. Diana Thomas.
- Counseled; Incubator Clients; Mr. Omar Aziz and Ms. Cynthia Beaulieu, Director.

Office of Student Services (OSS) January-February 2021 Report:

Mrs. Timotea Bailey, Director, CBA Office of Student Services and Recruitment Manager, DXC Partnership, reported the following activities and achievements during January-February 2021:

- The Office of Student Services and DXC Technology Partnership Team (OSSDXC) provided advisement to students in academic difficulty due to pandemic and advised them of the academic remedies available to prevent suspension and financial aid loss.
- The OSSDXC Team processed the paperwork to allow students to take advantage of the academic remedies available.
- The OSSDXC Team participated in the University New Student Orientation.
- The OSSDXC Team continuously worked to get all student registered and assist in working out any registration or financial aid issues.
- The OSSDXC Team with the Team manned the late virtual registration and helped students to navigate registration and the virtual classroom environment.
- The OSSDXC Team offered scholarships to all new freshmen, transfer, graduate student and readmitted students with 40 or less hours encouraged to return.
- OSSDXC Team chaired the CBA Academic Action committee for suspended student and communicated action taken by committee to affected students.
- OSSDXC provided guidance and support to CBA faculty in the student advisement process, including completion of the Academic Action Form.

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- OSSDXC Team remained on Zoom virtual late registration several late evenings to accommodate evening students.
- OSSDXC Team participated in the Canvas Demonstration Seminar.
- OSSDXC Team encouraged student registration in SUS AWS Certification courses.
- OSSDXC Team participated in the Blackboard demonstration.
- OSSDXC Team hosted a New Student Orientation Program for new and returning CBA students.
- OSSDXC SUNO Team held a budget and activities planning meeting.
- OSSDXC Team held a planning meeting with SUBR DXC Team to develop and implement a Speaker Series for SUS Campuses.
- OSSDXC Team is partnering with the Office of Recruitment and Admissions to recruit students to CBA.
- OSSDXC Team held Zoom orientation and training meeting with Office of Recruitment and Admissions.
- OSSDXC Team is partnering with SUNO Career Services to plan Spring Career Fair.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Dr. Willie Jones, Interim Dean

Research, Publications, and Presentations

Publications:

Sherry Bachus, Ph.D., LPC, Dr. Roslin Growe, Ed.D., Suzanne Mynette Mayo, Ph.D., Mental Health Challenges facing Students in Higher Education During COVID. The pandemic might be a “black swan” moment for mental health care — “an unforeseen event that changes everything.” Heleen Riper. International Journal of Social Policy & Education, Vol. 2, No. 10; December, 2020. pp 37-43. ISSN 2689-4998 (print), 2689-5013 (online). www.icpknet.org.

Awning Education, A Virtual Tool for Emotional and Social Assessment

Presentations:

Co-Presenter, “COVID-19 Pandemic: The Urgency and Current Impact on University and College Students’ Mental Health” Research Association of Minority Professors (RAMP) Virtual Symposium, February 5-6, 2021. Co-presenter with colleague from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, and Grambling University.

Co-Presenter, “Awning Education, A Virtual Tool for Emotional and Social Assessment,” Research Association of Minority Professors (RAMP) Virtual Symposium, February 5-6, 2021. Co-presenter with colleague from Linwood University, and the Founder of Awning Education. Served as a Judge for Symposium’s Graduate Student Competition, February 6th.

Co-Presenter with colleague from Linwood University, and the Founder of Awning Education on the same presentation at the STL Virtual Symposium St. Louis, Missouri, January 9, 2021.

Grants:

DCFS and a Grant Opportunity:

Attended zoom virtual grant meetings with Lorrie Briggs, MS, CSE South, Area Director, DCFS to discuss grant opportunity with DCFS to partner with Child Development and Family Studies (CDFFS) Program and to provide possible internship for our students.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT*(Continued)***Marketing/Recruitment:**

On Tuesday, February 2, 2021 met with Ms. Patrice Moore, Dean and Ms. Carol Alexander and discussed opportunity for DCC students in the CDYC Program to pursue a bachelor's degree at SUNO in the CDFS Program.

February 23rd, in follow-up meeting discussed the preliminaries for March 2021 Zoom Virtual Workshop with the College of Education.

Webinar:

Participated in the Registration Zoom Meeting for Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO) Registration.

Professional Development Activities:

February 11th, attended the Faculty Practices to Support Online Student Retention and Success: A Walden University Summit Presentation for Southern University New Orleans.

February 18th, Listening Session with Faculty by Dr. James H Ammons, Jr., Chancellor.

Served as a member of **THE RAMP 2021 SYMPOSIUM VIRTUAL PLANNING COMMITTEE** with colleagues from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

MOU/Partnerships:**FIELD PLACEMENT INTER-INSTITUTIONAL AGREEMENT FOR INTERNSHIP:**

February 8, 2021, Terrytown Gretna Head Start/EHS, Gretna, LA, Ms. Gloria McKenzie, Center Supervisor, and Jefferson Elementary School, New Orleans, Ms. Celeste Cunningham, Principal

During the months of January and February, CDFS students were placed for spring 2020 internship with site which we have partnership for CDFS internship. These internship placement sites consist of virtual setting, hybrid, and/or face-to-face. The CDFS internship students are Shara Wilson with Hotel Hope; Kyla Smith with Delgado Childcare Center: Joey Georgusis Center for Children, Angel Coleman at Terrytown Gretna Head Start/EHS, and LaKetha Jackson at Terrytown Gretna Head Start/EHS.

Curriculum Development and Updates:**Develop Student Survey for Masters of Science in Child Development:**

The SUNO Child Development and Family Studies (CDFS) program created survey in order to determine if there is a demand for a brand-new Masters of Science in Child Development degree program at SUNO. The intent of the survey is to measure a demand for the program. Plans to develop a Letter of Intent (LOI) to the Louisiana Board of Regents (LA BoR) for a brand-new Masters of Science in Child Development degree program.

Community Outreach:

January 8th and February 13th, participated in the Alpha Kappa Alpha-Omicron Lambda Omega Scholarship Zoom Virtual Meetings for the fall 2021 scholarships program.

College Events and Meetings:

Throughout the month of January and February 2021, I conducted electronically advisement and registration for students in the College of Education and Human Development. I advised and registered students remotely who were freshmen, transfers, and returning students. I have also address students concerns with regard to the COVID-19 Guidelines. On February 10th, Committee Member for Assistant Professor of Elementary Education/ Coordinator of Clinical Field Experience.

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University Curriculum Committee: Proposal Reviews

February 1st, via Cisco Webex Meeting for ABCP Proposal.

January 21st, Health Information Management Systems (HIMS)

Council of Deans and Directors Meeting:

January 22nd, attended the Council of Deans and Directors Virtual Webex Meetings.

Faculty Senate:

Attended the Virtual Webex Faculty Senate Meetings the Executive Senator Cabinet meetings and served as the Treasurer and the Senator-at-Large for the College of Education and Human Development.

State and National Submitted Data Reports:

December 30, 2020, posted on SUNO website updated required table for CDFS data, "AAFCS Accreditation Public Reporting of Student Performance and Achievement 2020.

February 2021, process 2021 accredited-unit fees for the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS). In addition to maintaining the costs of the Accreditation Program and the unit's "good standing" status as an accredited unit, annual fees entitle program participation in the Assembly of Higher Education (AHE) and Collegiate Assembly.

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

Dr. Rebecca Chaisson, Dean

Rebecca Chaisson, Ph.D., LCSW



The Millie M. Charles School of Social Work (MMCSSW) is the new name of the Southern University School of Social Work. While the building by legislative decree was named for Dean Charles, the School was not named until January 8, 2021 when Chancellor James Ammons and the Southern Board of Supervisors introduced a resolution that renamed the School in honor of Dean Charles, the founding dean of the School of Social Work. The school was named approximately one month after the passing of Dean Charles at 97 years old. The themes of the School continue to carry the School forward. In fact, the Millie M. Charles School of Social Work was featured in the national publication, *Social Work Advocates*, the flagship magazine of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW). In the featured article titled "Southern University at New Orleans: No holding Back" Dean Chaisson speaks about the Social Work Health Care Education and Leadership Scholars (HEALS) program at SUNO which prepares social work students for leadership positions in health care through projects that enhance specialized knowledge about health and mental health care in our community.

Dean Chaisson also highlighted the upcoming Grief and Trauma Center that will start up in 2021 as well as the importance of the School in the Historically Black College and University environment. She further spoke about the critical importance of racial uplift and upward mobility of students completing the BSW and MSW degrees at the MMCSSW. The article appeared in the December 2020-January 2021 edition of the *Social Advocates* file:///C:/Users/RCH AIS~1/AppData/Local/Temp/Social%20Work%20Advocates_Dec%202020-Jan%202021.pdf.

Dean Chaisson and the faculty, staff, students, and SUNO administration prepared and greeted site visitors from the Council on Social Work education (CSWE), the accrediting body of the school of social work. The site visits

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were held on January 25th and January 26th and they engaged the entire university in a self-study process. Shortly afterwards, Dean Chaisson presented the Black Woman's Tax at the Social Work, White Supremacy, and Racial Justice Symposium. Dean Chaisson and colleagues from the TSSW presented a perspective that demonstrates the additional work placed on Black Women in higher education from various standpoints-doctoral student, research professor in the Historically White institutions and an administrator in the HBCU environment.

Derrick Freeman, Ph.D.

On February 19, 2021, Dr. Freeman, Assistant Professor of Social Work and one of his former MSW Graduate students from SUNO, Glinda Powell, MSW, ABD – Morgan State University Ph.D. Program, presented at the 2021 Virtual Conference with the **National Association of African American Studies (NAASS)**. The NAAAS & Affiliates Joint National Conference aims to serve as a resource for scholars in the field who desire information and support for research related to the African and African American, Hispanic, and Chicano, Native American and Asian experiences. Dr. Freeman's and Ms. Powell's presentation was titled - ***Structural Racism in Elementary Education: The Impact on the Learning of African American Males and Aid to the School-to-Prison Pipeline***. Dr. Freeman and Ms. Powell have collaborated on several conferences and presentations including engaging community art in social work practice and community issues.

Patrice Sentino, DSW, Ph.D., LCSW



In January, the New Orleans Chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women hosted a virtual event The Pandemic's Unsung Heroes. The coalition honored Dr. Patrice Sentino, Assistant Professor, for going beyond to provide community support and resources during the COVID-19 pandemic. Dr. Sentino was recognized for her frontline efforts in providing mental and behavioral health services to children and families throughout the Greater Metropolitan area and St. Tammany Parishes. In addition to this honor, Dr. Sentino hosted an educational session about cervical cancer in African-American women to bring awareness to this critical national issue affecting African American women. The event in observance of Cervical Cancer Awareness Month in January, provided information and resources for screenings and prevention to eradicate cervical cancer.

While engaged in all of these awards and presentations, Dr. Sentino completed a second doctorate in Educational Psychology & Technology from the Chicago School of Professional Psychology. Her dissertation titled: ***Adult Learners in Higher Education: How Academic Motivation Influence Online Learners in a Technology-Based Learning Environment*** is especially relevant for the current shift in higher education in the virtual environment. The School congratulates Dr. Sentino on her latest accomplishment.

Torin Sanders, Ph.D., LCSW

Dr. Torin Sanders completed the initial round of training of SSW students who will work in the soon to be opened Grief and Trauma Center. The Center for Grief & Trauma Therapy has three interns: Marcus Allen (MSW Intern), Chantaly Jackson (MSW Intern) and Tiana Smith (BSW Intern.) All three students have prepared a presentation on Grief & Trauma suitable for a community presentation. All three students are prepared to begin work in The Center for Grief & Trauma Therapy center. The presentations by the students will be used to generate referrals and inform the community about the Center's existence. Left, photos of Dr. Sanders and students.

