Alumna Highlight:
Lisa B. Randle, PhD
Department of Anthropology
College of Arts and Sciences

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Lisa has been offered and accepted the position of Berkeley County Project Manager with the Coastal Conservation League. This is a new position funded by a Donnelly grant (their major funder). She began work on Monday August 5.

From their website: “The Coastal Conservation League is a nonprofit conservation organization that works with communities, elected officials, businesses, and citizen groups to protect the natural landscapes, abundant wildlife, clean air and water, and quality of life along the South Carolina coast. We are a group of 36 passionate individuals and tackle issues such as flooding, offshore drilling, improving transportation, and smart growth along the coast of South Carolina. We have offices in Charleston, Georgetown, Beaufort, and Columbia as well as operating a food hub in the Charleston area called GrowFood Carolina.”

She will be located in Berkeley County, in Moncks Corner, and will focus on developing and implementing a comprehensive land conservation strategy by establishing an Urban Growth Boundary and a local conservation fund in the county. She is charged with organizing community members, engaging local elected officials, participating in the planning process in the towns of Summerville, Moncks Corner, Hanahan, and Goose Creek, and designing a public land conservation funding agenda by preserving areas for hunting, fishing, and other outdoor recreational activities.

They were very impressed with her dissertation work on the East Branch of the Cooper River because it is an area that is part of their mission focus. Recently, they have been instrumental in preventing development of Gippy (pronounced Jippy) Plantation on the West side of the Cooper River. She spoke about my interests in preservation, archaeology, and community building as well as an interest in pursuing more research in the St. Stephens parish area of Berkeley County, which has not been systematically explored.
Tenured/Tenure-Track
GJMPP Alumni

**Tenured**

**Toby L. Nelson, PhD**
2013 GJMPP/SEAGEP Alumnus
Chemistry and Biochemistry
College of Arts and Sciences
Associate Professor
Department of Chemistry
Oklahoma State University
Stillwater, Oklahoma

**Dorinda J. Gallant, PhD**
2005 AAPP Alumna
Educational Studies/Research and Measurement
College of Education
Associate Professor
Quantitative Research, Evaluation and Measurement
College of Education and Human Ecology
The Ohio State University
Columbus, Ohio

**George L. Johnson, Jr., PhD**
2005 Alumnus
Educational Studies/Special Education
College of Education
Associate Professor
Special Education Academic Program Coordinator
Humanities and Social Sciences
South Carolina State University
Orangeburg, South Carolina

**Terry Carter, PhD**
2002 AAPP Alumnus
English
College of Arts and Sciences
Professor of English
Kennesaw State University - Marietta
Marietta, Georgia

**Tracy H. Dunn, PhD**
2003 AAPP Alumna
Marketing
Darla Moore School of Business
Interim Dean
The Tyrone Adam Burroughs School of Business and Entrepreneurship
Benedict College
Columbia, South Carolina

**Sirena Hargrove-Leak, PhD**
2003 AAPP Alumna
Chemical Engineering
College of Engineering and Computing
Associate Professor
Engineering
College of Arts and Sciences
Elon University
Elon, North Carolina

**Fredrick A. Gardin, PhD**
2009 AAPP Alumnus
Physical Education
College of Education
Associate Professor
Athletic Training Program Coordinator
Montclair State University
Montclair, New Jersey

**Charity Brown Griffin, PhD**
2014 AAPP Alumna
School of Psychology
College of Arts and Sciences
Licensed Psychologist
Assistant Professor
Winston-Salem State University
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

**Ari Perez Mejia, PhD**
2014 SEAGEP Alumnus
Civil and Environmental Engineering
College of Engineering and Computing
Assistant Professor
Civil Engineering
The Ohio State University
Columbus, Ohio

**Erin C. McKie, PhD**
2017 GJMPP Alumna
Management Science
Darla Moore School of Business
Assistant Professor
Department of Management Sciences Fisher College of Business
The Ohio State University
Columbus, Ohio

**Kevin M. Daniels, PhD**
2013 AAPP/SEAGEP Alumnus
Electrical Engineering
College of Engineering and Computing
Assistant Professor
Electrical and Computer Engineering
University of Maryland - College Park
College Park, Maryland

**Shakena L. Daniel, PhD**
2013 SEAGEP Alumna
Chemistry and Biochemistry
Assistant Professor of Chemistry
Wingate University
Wingate, North Carolina

**A.TaQuesa McLeod, PhD**
2012 GJMPP Alumna
Health Services, Policy and Management
Arnold School of Public Health
Assistant Professor
Health Care Management
Lander University
Greenville, South Carolina

**Derrick C. Scott, PhD**
2014 GJMPP Alumnus
Biological Sciences
College of Arts and Sciences
Assistant Professor
Biological Sciences
Delaware State University
Dover, Delaware
**2019 Alumni News**

**Tijuan Dogan, PhD**
2002 AAPP/GJMPP Alumna in Higher Education Administration

Dr. Tijuan Dogan is taking on a new role as the first Assistant Vice President for Social Impact Innovation at Emory University, where she coordinates, inspires, and communicates how Emory contributes in a responsible and leading way to societal impact locally and globally. Prior to Emory, she managed corporate social responsibility for a decade with IBM; and held previous leadership roles in philanthropy and nonprofit management with the Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation, the Southern Education Foundation, and City Year. Tjuan is a native of Greenville, SC, and earned her Ph.D. in education, with a concentration in business management, at the University of South Carolina. She completed a year-long fellowship at Harvard Business School after earning her Ph.D.

**Sharla Brown, PhD**
2013 AAPP/GJMPP Alumna in Foundations of Education

Dr. Brown is the manager of an education website, LearningWhy, for South Carolina Educational Television (SCETV). As the manager of an education website, Brown is responsible for creating, vetting, soliciting and managing online educational content for educators throughout the state. Brown has also assisted in the production of educational media. She recently visited schools in Finland to produce, Teach Like Finland, for SCETV’s Carolina Classrooms. Brown made use of her experience as a grade school teacher and researcher to illustrate the stark differences in equitable educational systems.

**Lisa Wills, PhD**
2012 AAPP/GJMPP Alumna in Educational Studies

Dr. Wills started with the American Council on Education on March 4, 2019. We are one of the top six higher education serving organizations in the nation. American Council on Education’s Center for Policy, Research, and Strategy (CPRS) provides thought leadership at the intersection of public policy and institutional strategy, with an emphasis on long-term, systemic solutions. As America and its higher education landscape change, the Center provides senior college leaders and policymakers with an evidence base to responsibly promote emergent practices in higher education.

CPRS produces research, issue briefs, and events that provide stakeholders with acute insight, rigorous analysis, and examples of on-the-ground application. The Center's research uses varying methodologies and data sources, and analytical frameworks include those found in research on educational equity, education policy, organizational and systems management, and disruptive innovation.

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**ALUMNI STATISTICS**

**1999-2019**

- **Africa**: 1
- **Japan**: 0.5
- **Teaching/Administration**: 71%
- **Corporate**: 14%
- **Self-Employed**: 14%
- **Pursuing Employment**: 1%

**Where are they now?**

- **SC**: 21
- **GA**: 6
- **TX**: 3
- **D.C.**: 4
- **NC**: 2
- **MA**: 1
- **VA**: 2
- **OH**: 1
- **NY**: 1
- **CA**: 0.5
- **OK**: 1
- **NJ**: 1
- **PA**: 1
- **MD**: 1
- **DE**: 1
- **MI**: 1
- **TN**: 1

**TOTAL**: 51

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2019 New Scholars

Janay Clytus, PhD
Department of Biological Sciences
College of Arts and Sciences

Brittany Davis, PhD
Department of Social Work
College of Arts and Sciences

Julian Garcia-Walther, PhD
Department of Biological Sciences
College of Arts and Sciences

Lesley Joseph, PhD
Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering
College of Engineering and Computing

Nancy Uriegas, PhD
Department of Advanced Athletic Training
College of Public Health

South Carolina
2019 Alumni Commentaries

The Grace Jordan McFadden Professors Program: A Legacy of Rendering Visible the Invisible

Frank C. Martin II, PhD
Department of Philosophy
College of Arts and Sciences

Early in the course of my tenure as a graduate student at the University of South Carolina, in the Fall of 2009, I was introduced, almost entirely by accident, to an extraordinary academic support activity offered under the aegis of the University. At the time the program was known as the African American Professors’ Program (AAPP). As a new graduate student, who worked as an instructor while engaging with my own course of study, I also commuted from Orangeburg, I was unfamiliar with the city of Columbia; unfamiliar with the USC campus or its resources, and new to the specificities of that peculiar, labyrinthine, negotiated space of the graduate student, which sometimes accompanies the bureaucratic realities of academic study.

While the area of interest for my graduate research in the Department of Philosophy offered me excellent intellectual instruction, sensible and sufficient financial support, a number of truly exceptional and richly engaging mentors, as well as many, very collegial fellow students, I did often find that I felt somewhat isolated. I was faced with ineffable challenges that were difficult both to adequately identify and/or discuss, and which, initially I was reticent even to broach as valid subjects of discourse. However, when I was introduced to the community of AAPP, and the exceptional leadership of Dr. Johnnie McFadden and Mrs. Rhittie L. Gettine, I discovered that I had found a new and different sense of “home”, one both apart from and in addition to the intellectual haven provided by mentors within my chosen discipline.

What, precisely, was different about becoming a part of the AAPP program? AAPP was a unique space within which the affecting contextual, social, and political realities of race and difference could be not merely safely discussed, but proactively strategized, assessed, critiqued and counter-critiqued, fully addressed, and understood on multiple levels of nuance, without fear of judgment, negation, or dismissal (not that any of these responses had ever been a conscious part of my experiences within my program of research, but one did not wish to become the “professional minority” within the chosen discipline; a burdensome and dreary social assignment at best). Instead, AAPP, which later morphed into the Carolina Diversity Scholars Program and finally in 2016 was named in honor of the exceptional Dr. Grace Jordan McFadden, historian, activist, and cultural catalyst, provided a proper contextual framework for discourse on sub-textual socio-cultural issues within academic spaces that were perhaps better served by not being directly associated with the political realities of any given department or program of academic study. Indeed, the Grace Jordan McFadden Professors’ Program (GJMPP) offered its constituents the much touted “safe space” within which to assess contextual interactions, using critical race theoretical approaches, which might then fuel and catalyze other conversations, but which could be initiated from a space of honesty, understanding and awareness. The true benefit of this program is that it both actively and inadvertently continues the very important work begun by Dr. Grace Jordan McFadden, the first African-American woman to receive tenure at the University of South Carolina, which was, in and of itself a feat centered within the continuation of rendering visible the invisible. Dr. McFadden had dedicated her research to documentation of those contributors to our shared society who had been sidelined, ignored, and marginalized. Dr. McFadden devoted her career to rendering visible and giving a voice to those voiceless Americans whose experiences, contributions and expertise served to enlarge our understanding and awareness of human consciousness. The program, named in her honor sustains this work with integrity, determination, and purpose. I encourage every student enrollee at the University to review her oral history archives and to witness the traces of her own magnanimous presence preserved in interviews. Rendering visible the invisible is a demanding and sometimes thankless social role. The scholars supported through the continued work of GJMPP know that they sustain a legacy of vital importance, by virtue in many instances of merely being present, and offering to our global society at large, the thoughtful results of their academic research and the innovative and original intellectual productions of their collective consciousness.

Dissertation Title: Marsilio Ficino’s Neo-Platonist Concepts of Power As Represented in Selected Paintings by Sandro Botticelli: A Study in Representation, Iconography, Iconology and Reasoning

“My area of specialization within the discipline of Philosophy is the field of Axiology centered upon early modern Aesthetics”.

Faculty Mentor: Anne Bezuidenhout, PhD

Dr. Martin is currently employed as Director of The I. P. Stanback Museum & Planetarium and as a member of the Art Faculty, teaching Contemporary Art Theory in the Department of Visual & Performing Arts at South Carolina State University, Orangeburg, SC. He also serves as an adjunct professor in the History of Art at the Allendale and Walterboro Campuses of the University of South Carolina.
Candace A. Bethea  
GJMPP scholar in Mathematics

Candace is a part of the Association for Women in Mathematics student chapter president (founder in 2017), Fall 2018. She is a Mathematics Department peer-mentor for novice teaching assistants, 2018-19. She was invited to speak at Universidade Federal Fluminense in Rio de Janeiro: “Degree computations in motivic homotopy theory and an application to Riemann-Hurwitz over a non-perfect field”, 2018. Her poster presentation, Discover USC: “An equivariant counting formula for singular elements in a pencil of conics”, 2019. Candace volunteers at the Department of Juvenile Justice with a life skills program for young men, primarily African American, within 90 days of release. 9AM-12PM every Saturday, 2018-19. Candace was awarded SPARC grant on January 2018, (used during 2018 school year) and the American Mathematical Society (AMS) travel grant.

Mia J. Brantley  
GJMPP Scholar in Women's and Gender Studies


Janay M. Clytus  
GJMPP scholar in Biological Sciences

Janay is a part of the ACM SIGCHI, ACM SIGIR, ACM SIGMOD, and ACM SIGSOFT. She presented at the College of Pharmacy Graduate Student Conference in 2018: “Unlocking the Secrets of the RNF138 E3 Ubiquitin Ligase During HR-mediated Repair of DNA Double-stranded Breaks.”

Brittany Davis  
GJMPP scholar in Social Work

Brittany was an invited speaker for Homeless No More; “Gentrification vs. Equitable Development.” Fall 2019. She is an online MSW/BSW Adjunct Instructor, Indiana Wesleyan University, Spring 2017-Present. Online Sociology Adjunct Instructor, University of Northwestern Ohio, Fall 2018-Present. Online MSW Teaching Assistant, Virginia Commonwealth University, Spring 2020.

Julian Garcia-Walther  
GJMPP scholar in Biological Sciences

Julian lead a workshop to train 35 volunteers in Argentina: “Simultaneous Shorebird Surveys of the southern coast of South America”. He presented at the Neotropical Ornithological Conference 2019 in Costa Rica: Flying through the Western Hemisphere: a glimpse on the conservation of the Pacific Migratory Flyway. Symposium presentation at the 8th Western Hemisphere Shorebird Group Conference in Panama: Flying through the Western Hemisphere: a glimpse on the conservation of the Pacific Migratory Flyway. He was elected Social Chair of GABS (Graduate Association of Biological Science) since spring 2019: Organized events to enhance social interactions between graduate students. Julian planned field research projects for two undergraduate students looking to gain experience in Research and will be mentoring them during spring 2020.
2019-2020 Staff/Scholars/Faculty Mentors

Director
Johnnie McFadden, PhD

Administrative Coordinator
Cassandra Nelson, MBA

Doctoral Scholar
Douglas J. Archie III
Candace A. Bethea
Malcolm S. Bevel
Mia J. Brantley
Ramelle Brooks
Anthony T. Carr
Janay Clytus
Brianna R. Comelius (ABD), New York
Brittany Davis
David K.Y. Denteh
Andrea M. Fleming

Julian Garcia-Walther
Franklin J. Gause
Akeen L. Hamilton

Theresa M. Harrison
Destiny L. Hemphill
Cynthia Duncan Joseph
Lesley Joseph
Samantha L. McNeal

Noella B. Niati (Boren Fellow-Senegal & Fulbright Scholar, Ivory Coast)
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Jonathan C. Rann
Lauren A. Reid
Benedict O. Ukhueduan
Nancy Uriegas
Denetra D. Walker

Faculty Mentor
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Jesse L. Kass, PhD
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Carl R. Wells, PhD
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Sofia Lizarraga, PhD
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Huang XianZheng, PhD
Russell Haber, PhD
Kathy M. Evans, PhD
Nathan Senner, PhD
Thomas P. Hebert, PhD
Xiaoming Li, PhD

Henry Tran, PhD

Sam Amadon, PhD
Todd C. Shaw, PhD
Yeomin Yoon, PhD
Mohammed A. Baalousha, PhD
Jamelle H. Ellis, PhD (AAPP Alumna)
Michelle Bryan, PhD

Scholar Academic Area
Clinical-Community Psychology
Mathematics
Epidemiology
Educational Studies/Counselor Education
Music-Voice Performance
Educational Studies/Counselor Education
Biological Sciences
Linguistics

Social Work
Statistics
Educational Studies/Counselor Education

Biological Sciences
Special Education
Health Promotion, Education and Behavior
Educational Administration
Higher Education
Creative Writing/Poetry
Political Science
Civil Engineering
Environmental Health Sciences

Educational Studies Foundations and Inquiry

History
Experimental Psychology
Epidemiology
Biological Sciences
Advanced Athletic Training
Journalism and Mass Communications
2019 Spring/Fall
Professional Development Workshops & Events

January 18, 2019
Curriculum Vita/Three Minute Thesis

February 15, 2019
Teaching Philosophy (Webinar)

March 22, 2019
How to Develop a Research Question

April 5, 2019
Think Tank

August 19, 2019
Fall Orientation

September 13, 2019
Developing a Philosophy and Culturally and Relevant Teaching

October 18, 2019
Cultivate Mental Health for Grad Students of Color

November 15, 2019
Unwritten Rules of Academia: How to Get a Mentor/Be a Mentor

December 14, 2019
Graduation Recognition Dinner
Highlighting Community Outreach
GJMPP Collaborates with The Graduate School

Hannah House

Together the Grace Jordan McFadden Professors Program and the Graduate School pulled together boxes of paper products and cleaning supplies for donation to the Hannah House on November 22, 2019. Andrea M. Fleming, GJMPP scholar in Counselor Education, coordinated the solicitation of products from GJMPP scholars and Ms. Cassandra Nelson, GJMPP staff, requested donations from the Graduate School staff. The products were delivered to Ms. Kiwan Fitch-Webster, Manager of Hannah House, at their temporary quarters in Lexington, South Carolina, while their permanent home at 1726 Sumter Street, Columbia, South Carolina, is being remodeled.

According to Ms. Fitch-Webster, Hannah House was established in 1999 and is a Faith based Christian facility for homeless women and women with children under the umbrella organization of Christ Central Ministries Inc. The program assists women in setting goals and becoming established in areas of personal development, education, health, wellness, job preparation or job search, and finance, with a variety of educational support groups available on site.

Not only does Hannah House serve its residents, it also serves the community; individuals residing in the commuting may be served in their boutique as they have a need of clothing. Individuals may also be provided with daily hygiene products. Hannah House is a four-story brick building that offers shelter for 12 single women and eight families. Their program length of stay for families is up to 18 months and for single women up to 12 months. Hannah House is an all-inclusive volunteer organization offering a variety of service-learning opportunities, internships, and community volunteer opportunities.

Left to right, Ms. Cassandra Nelson, Ms. Nancy Uriegas, Volunteer Ms. Ariel Gootkin, Ms. Kiwan Fitch-Webster, Mr. Malcolm Bevel, and Ms. Andrea Fleming

Left to right, volunteer Ms. Ariel Gootkin and Ms. Kiwan Fitch-Webster
2019/2020 Monograph Topics
Grace Jordan McFadden Professors Program

Andrea Fleming
Education Studies/Counselor Education
"Best Practices in Balancing Administrative and Clinical Supervision: Perceptions of Exemplar Dual Role Licensed Supervisors in Community Behavioral and Mental Health Agencies"

ABSTRACT:
Interest in the evolution of clinical supervision as a profession and supervisor training has grown exponentially over the last number of years; consequently, the experiences of dual role supervisors have been largely overlooked in the existing literature. Having operationally defined the functions of dual role licensed supervisors and community behavioral and mental health agencies within the context of this study, the purpose and aim of this grounded theory approach are to: (1) explore the experiences of dual role supervisors providing both administrative and clinical supervision to their supervisees seeking licensure within community behavioral and mental health agency settings, and; (2) formulate best practices that will emerge from the data to guide dual role licensed supervisors in balancing administrative and clinical supervision functions within the workplace. Lastly, the purpose of this study is to contribute to the existing body of literature in the area of supervision to expand the scope of qualitative studies done to further examine the experiences of dual role licensed supervisors in community behavioral and mental health agencies.

Akeen Hamilton
Health Promotion, Education and Behavior
"Transgender Women & HIV Infections: Intersections of Stigma, Discrimination, Violence & Health"

ABSTRACT:
Transgender women are a sexual minority group; globally, this population faces experiences of stigma, discrimination, and violence which put them at risk for multiple health concerns. These experiences also impact their health behavior choices and many transgender women choose to engage in sex work, providing sex as a service in exchange for money, in order to sustain themselves. Sex work also lends itself to an increased incidence rate of HIV infection for transgender women who, as a group, contribute one of the highest burdens of HIV infection rates among sexual minority groups. The concept of social conditions as fundamental causes of disease and the theory of intersectionality help to explain how these factors perpetuate health disparities among transgender women.

Any additional submissions for the 2019/2020 Monograph should be submitted by Oct. 15, 2020
Message from the Director

It is a distinct honor to acknowledge special appreciation to the 1997 founders of the Grace Jordan McFadden Professors Program, GJMP, originally known as the African American Professors program, AAPP, at the University of South Carolina. Drs. Aretha B. Pigford and Leonard O. Pellicer, Distinguished Professors in the Department of Educational Leadership and Policies, College of Education, are featured as conceiving the concept for AAPP through initial funding from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation and the South Carolina General Assembly with reassuring sponsorship by the University of South Carolina.

On September 16, 2016, the USC Board of Trustees approved an official title change for AAPP to the Grace Jordan McFadden Professors Program-GJMP, as endorsed by the Provost-Vice President for Academic Affairs in supportive statement of this former Associate Professor of History and African American Studies.

Provost Joan T. A. Gabel stated that this name change “would honor a much beloved faculty member who was dedicated to advancing the careers of underrepresented minority faculty.” Support of this historic distinction and special tribute for Dr. Grace Jordan McFadden is embraced by the African American Studies Program leadership with its affiliated faculty members. A unique note of gratitude is extended to all of our colleagues who contribute their academic and administrative sources toward the advancement of GJMP.

We give thanks and appreciation to the donors of the AAPP/GJMPP throughout the years.

Sirena C. Hargrove Leak
Kevin Manasse Simmonds
Melicia Whitt Glover
Lesley Daniels Riley
Terry Carter
Tracy Dunn
Rhittie Gettone
Robert Ware
John McFadden
Aretha Butle Pigford
Shundelle L. Dogan
Speech Reading Therapy
Christopher Levy Johnson
Dorenda J. Gallant
Phyllis Ann Sanders
Vicki M. Young
Winifred W. Thompson
Phyllis I Perkins
Alexandria T. Smith
Anthony Palmer
Richard Thompson
GRADUATION RECOGNITION
AND HOLIDAY DINNER

Saturday, December 14, 2019 ~ 5:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.
Capstone Carolina Room, 17th Floor

Programme

Welcome/Occasion
Johnnie McFadden, PhD
The Benjamin E. Mays Distinguished Professor Emeritus
Director, Grace Jordan McFadden Professors Program (GJMPP)

Blessing of Food
Frank Gause, GJMPP Scholar
Special Education

Dinner

Summary of 2019/2020 Monograph
Zach Lukemire, JD
GJMPP Monograph
School of Law

Presenting the 2019 Graduates
Johnnie McFadden

Victor D. Kidd, PhD, GJMPP
Department of Sports Entertainment Management
College of Hospitality, Retail and Sports Management

Kiesha M. Wilson, PhD, GJMPP
Department of Biological Science
College of Arts and Sciences

Remarks
Johnnie McFadden
Open Comments
Adjournment