Greetings,

The College of Education at Grambling State University is pleased to host its Second Annual Research Symposium at the Favrot Student Union, April 17-18, 2008. This year’s theme, “Teaching Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Students in an Age of Accountability”, is consistent with the current challenges and intricacies of teaching and learning faced by educators in all disciplines and educational settings.

The College of Education Research Symposium was conceived to establish a scholastically supportive space where students and faculty as well as colleagues from other institutions could engage each other optimally, on various levels related to their research queries.

This year we are fortunate to have Dr. Festus E. Obiakor, one of several highly acclaimed researchers in the field of Multicultural and Special Education, from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee as our keynote speaker. In addition, Dr. Obiakor will provide a pre-symposium workshop on developing research proposals for refereed journals, books, monographs, manuscripts, and professional conferences.

This event will prove to be exciting, enlightening, and highly motivational for all that attend and so we look forward to your participation and involvement in our Second Annual Research Symposium.

Best Regards,

Sean S. Warner, Dean
College of Education
Keynote Speaker

Dr. Festus E. Obiakor

Dr. Festus E. Obiakor is a Professor in the Department of Exceptional Education at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. His research interests include multicultural psychology and special education, self-concept development, crisis intervention, educational reform/program evaluation and comparative/international education. He is a renowned scholar and has published several books and journal articles.

Dr. Obiakor serves on the editorial boards of many refereed journals, including Multiple Voices and Multicultural Learning and Teaching — he currently serves as co-editor of both journals. He has presented papers at national and international levels. In addition, he is a frequent speaker on college campuses; for example, he has served as an Invited/Visiting Scholar at Frostburg State University, Marquette University, Hendrix College, St. Xavier University of Chicago, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Hampton University, Portland State University, University of Georgia, West Virginia University, Eastern Illinois University, University of North Texas, Brigham Young University, Illinois State University, Tennessee State University, Morgan State University, Abilene Christian University, Grambling State University, and Indiana University-Purdue University. He is also a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated.

Dr. Obiakor continues to prescribe a Comprehensive Support Model (CSM) which connects the self, the family, the school, and the community, in providing learning opportunities and choices for all students. From his perspective, “one cannot climb a tree without support.”
Dr. Charles Pinckney is a highly acclaimed lecturer speaker, consultant, trainer and educator. He is Co-Founder and President of the Educational Research Group, based in North Carolina. He is responsible for the day-to-day operation as well as the planning, budgeting, marketing and program development and implementation. Dr. Pinckney conducts many workshops every year, presenting at conferences throughout the United States. He also conducts and moderates focus groups with teenagers and adults. Dr. Pinckney is an Assistant Professor of Psychology Livingstone College in Salisbury, North Carolina.

The majority of Dr. Pinckney’s work focuses on how Hip-Hop culture influences the perceptions, attitudes, values, and lifestyles of African-American college students. Additionally, Dr. Pinckney’s research interests include: Adolescent Domestic Violence, The Impact and Influence of Hip-Hop Culture on Rural African-American Adolescents, Public Policy and Hip-Hop Culture and The Mass Media, Domestic Violence, HIV/AIDS and African American Adolescents.

Dr. Pinckney has also served as a consultant for Motivational Educational Entertainment (MEE) Production, Inc located in Philadelphia, PA. MEE Production is a social research based communication firm, which targets urban youth. He also served as a special consultant for the South Carolina Governor’s First Judicial Juvenile Task Force. In his capacity as a consultant he provides workshops on Educating At-Risk Youth; Understanding Hip-Hop Culture; Youth Entrepreneurship; Life Skills Development; Effective Communication Strategies; and Substance Abuse; Additionally he offers services in the various areas: Program Development; Lifestyle Survey and Focus Groups; and PSA/Media Campaign; He is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. He is married to Elizabeth Alston-Pinckney; they are the proud parents of two beautiful daughters, Taylor and Jordan.

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Registration
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Presymposium Workshops
Thursday, April 17, 2008

9:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.    Workshop A
Location: Lincoln (242)
The Influence of Hip-Hop Culture on the Perceptions, Attitudes, Values, & Lifestyles of African-American College Students

Dr. Charles Pinckney, Assistant Professor of Psychology
Livingstone College

2:15 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.    Workshop B
Location: Lincoln (242)
Publish and Flourish

Dr. Festus E. Obiakor, Professor
Department of Exceptional Education
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Reception Black & Gold Room/ Atrium
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Opening Plenary Session
Black and Gold Room
8:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Friday, April 18, 2008

Presider

Dr. Sean S. Warner, Dean
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Welcome

Dr. A. Kadir Nur-Hussen, Associate Professor
Department of Curriculum & Instruction
Grambling State University

Greetings

Dr. Robert M. Dixon, Provost & Vice President
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Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Dr. Sean S. Warner, Dean
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Keynote Speaker

Dr. Festus E. Obiakor, Professor
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Closing Remarks

Dr. Sean S. Warner, Dean
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10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.   Session A (panel)

Location: Lincoln Room (242)  

*CSI Grambling 2007: The Impact of a Summer Learning Camp on Academic Performance, Leadership and Self-Esteem*

- **Dr. Loretta Walton-Jaggers**, Professor
- **Dr. Nanthailia McJamerson**, Professor
- **Dr. Elaine Foster**, Associate Professor
- **Dr. Kathryn Newman**, Professor

Department of Curriculum & Instruction  
Grambling State University

Moderator  
**Monica Iles**, Doctoral Student  
Department of Educational Leadership  
Grambling State University

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.   Session A

Location: Rapides Room (234)  

*China Delegation Update: Teacher Delegation Visit to the People’s Republic of China*

- **Dr. Wilton Barham**, Professor  
Department of Educational Leadership  
Grambling State University

Moderator  
**Limbikani Kamlongera**, Doctoral Student  
Department of Educational Leadership  
Grambling State University

Location: Ouachita Room (243)  

*New Directions in Instructional Leadership*

- **Dr. Patricia P. Johnson**, Assistant Professor  
Department of Curriculum & Instruction  
Grambling State University

Moderator  
**Dr. Andolyn Harrison**, Professor  
Department of Educational Leadership  
Grambling State University
Location: Lafayette Room (244)  

*Current Events Testing for Mass Communication Students*

- **Dr. Gaylon E. Murray**, Professor
- **Dr. Sharon Ford-Dunn**, Associate Professor  
  Department of Mass Communication  
  Grambling State University

Moderator  

- **Dr. Cassandra Shelling**, Director  
  Student Activities  
  Grambling State University

11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.  

**Session B**

Location: Rapides Room (234)  

*Using Portfolio Assessment & Evaluation in the Age of Accountability: Meeting NCATE and SACS Requirements*

- **Dr. Ruebenson Wanjohi**, Assistant Professor  
- **Nara Martirosyan**, Doctoral Student  
  Department of Educational Leadership  
  Grambling State University

Moderator  

- **Deborah Simmons**, Coordinator  
  Instructional Technology & Distance Learning  
  Louisiana Tech University

Location: Ouachita Room (243)  

*Preparing Pre-Service Teacher Candidates to Become Cultural Proficient Educators*

- **Dr. Celina V. Echols**, Associate Professor  
- **Kimberley M. Davis**, Instructor  
  Southeast Louisiana University

Moderator  

- **Dr. Pamela Payne**, Assistant Professor  
  Department of English  
  Grambling State University

Location: Lafayette Room (244)  

*Service Learning: Vehicle for Promoting Physical Therapy Services and Enhancing the Academic Environment for Children with Physical Disabilities in a Rural School District*

- **Dr. Senobia Crawford**, Associate Professor  
  Chairperson of Physical Therapy  
  Alabama State University

Moderator  

- **Dr. Willie Daniel**, Head  
  Kinesiology, Sport & Leisure Studies  
  Grambling State University
12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.  LUNCH (on your own)

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.  Session C (panel)

Location: Lincoln Room (242)  Ethics v. Professionalism in the Instruction of Paraprofessionals in the Legal System

Dr. Gwendolyn Duhon, Associate Professor
Genia Coleman Lee, Esq., Instructor
McNeese State University

Moderator

Dr. Marianne Giorlando-Fisher, Acting Dean
College of Professional Studies
Grambling State University

1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.  Session C

Location: Rapides Room (234)  The Importance of Collaborations: Improving Mathematics Instruction in American Institutions

Dr. Gregory Battle, Associate Professor
Department of Mathematics & Computer Science
Grambling State University

Moderator

Nara Martirosyan, Doctoral Student
Department of Educational Leadership
Grambling State University

Location: Ouachita Room (243)  What Works in Universities: Action Research on Effective Teaching Strategies for Diverse Adult Learners

Dr. Kathryn Newman, Professor
Dr. A. Kadir Nur-Hussen, Associate Professor
Department of Curriculum & Instruction
Grambling State University

Moderator

Dr. Bennie Lowery, Professor
Department of Educational Leadership
Grambling State University
Location: Lafayette Room (244)  

The Creative Use of Autobiography to Enhance Knowledge and Dispositions of Teacher Candidates

Dr. Nanthailia McJameron, Professor  
Dr. Felicie Barnes, Assistant Professor  
Dr. A. Kadir Nur-Hussen, Associate Professor  
Department of Curriculum & Instruction  
Grambling State University

Moderator  
Diseree Smith-Clark, Teacher  
Alma J. Brown Elementary School  
Grambling State University

2:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.  
Session D

Location: Rapides Room (234)  

Teacher Effectiveness: Connecting Schema Theory and Best Practices Research

Dr. Loretta Walton-Jaggers, Professor  
Department of Curriculum & Instruction  
Grambling State University

Moderator  
LaWanda Sykes, Instructor  
First Year Experience Program  
Grambling State University

Location: Lafayette Room (244)  

Synchronization of Teaching Materials & Devices between the High School & University Level to Better Serve African-American Students

Dr. Ruben Gonzalez, Head  
Department of Foreign Languages  
Grambling State University

Moderator  
Dr. Brett Sims, Head  
Department of Mathematics  
Grambling State University

2:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Session E

Location: Ouachita Room (243)  

Cultural Diversity in Education: Deciphering the Code or “Where’s the Beef?”

Dr. A. Ray Petty, Professor  
Inter-American University of Puerto Rico-Ponce

Moderator  
Dr. Janet A. Guyden, Associate V. P. & Dean  
School of Graduate Studies & Research  
Grambling State University
3:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

**Session F (panels)**

**Location:** Lincoln Room (242)

*Discipline-Based Service Learning: An Innovative Approach to Teaching & Learning in Response to the Age of Accountability*

- **Dr. Doris Williams-Smith**, Head
- **Dr. Elaine Foster**, Associate Professor
- **Dr. A. Kadir Nur-Hussen**, Associate Professor
- **Ronnie Harrison**, GMMS Principal
- **Kiana Carr**, Student/Tutor
- **Rudolph Ellis**, Student/Tutor
- **Brandon Williams**, Student/Tutor
- **Sherlonda Williams**, Student/Tutor

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**Moderator**

- **Dr. Nanthailia McJamerson**, Professor

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**Location:** Lafayette Room (244)

*GSU Live: Real Talk Real Experiences*

- **Dr. Chevelle Hall**, Assistant Professor
  - **Ashley Carter**, Master Student
  - Kinesiology, Sport & Leisure Studies
  - Grambling State University

**Moderator**

- **Dr. Sean S. Warner**, Dean
  - College of Education
  - Grambling State University

**Location:** Rapides Room (234)

*Sowing the Seeds of Cultural Diversity: Inspiring the Dream of Higher Education for African-American Women at a Southern HBCU*

- **Dr. Delilah Dotremont**, Associate Professor
  - Department of Criminal Justice
  - Grambling State University

**Moderator**

- **Dr. Kathryn Newman**, Professor

Department of Curriculum & Instruction

Grambling State University
3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.  
**Session G**

**Location: Ouachita Room (243)**

*Using Literary Devices in Your Writing*

**Dr. Olatunde Ogunyemi**, Head  
Department of Educational Leadership  
Grambling State University  

**Moderator**  
**Vincent Sessoms**, Director  
Student Health Services  
Grambling State University  

3:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.  
**Session H**

**Location: Rapides Room (234)**

*Nurturing the Flame - Preparing Candidates for Dealing with Diversity*

**Dr. Dorothy Schween**, Interim Department Head  
Department of Curriculum & Instruction  
University of Louisiana at Monroe  

**Moderator**  
**LaKeisha Jenkins**, Instructor  
Department of Sociology & Psychology  
Grambling State University  

**Location: Black & Gold Room**

*Research on Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Populations*

**Dr. Festus E. Obiakor**, Professor  
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