

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

2nd Annual Research Symposium

**“Teaching Culturally & Linguistically Diverse Students
in an Age of Accountability”**



Favrot student Union

April 17-18, 2008

**GRAMBLING STATE UNIVERSITY
Grambling, Louisiana**



Wel come from the Dean

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sean S. Warner".

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.”

Guest Speaker



Dr. Charles Pinckney

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.

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7:45 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m. - 3:30 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 College of Education Grambling State University
Welcome	Dr. A. Kadir Nur-Hussen , Associate Professor Department of Curriculum & Instruction Grambling State University
Greetings	Dr. Robert M. Dixon , Provost & Vice President Academic Affairs Grambling State University
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Dr. Sean S. Warner , Dean College of Education Grambling State University
Keynote Speaker	Dr. Festus E. Obiakor , Professor Department of Exceptional Education University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Closing Remarks	Dr. Sean S. Warner , Dean College of Education Grambling State University

Concurrent Sessions

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 McJamerson, 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.

Location: Lincoln Room (242)

Moderator

Location: Lafayette Room (244)

Moderator

3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Location: Rapides Room (234)

Moderator

Session F (panel s)

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
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GSU Live: Real Talk Real Experiences

Dr. Chevelle Hall, Assistant Professor
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Dr. Sean S. Warner, Dean
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Renisha Sampract, Instructor
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Session F

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

Dr. Delilah Dotremon, Associate Professor
Department of Criminal Justice
Grambling State University

Dr. Kathryn Newman, Professor
Department of Curriculum & Instruction
Grambling State University

3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Location: Ouachita Room (243)

Moderator

3:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Location: Rapides Room (234)

Moderator

Location: Black & Gold Room

Moderator

Session G

Using Literary Devices in Your Writing

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

Vincent Sessoms, Director
Student Health Services
Grambling State University

Session H

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

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

LaKeisha Jenkins, Instructor
Department of Sociology & Psychology
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*Research on Culturally and Linguistically
Diverse Populations*

Dr. Festus E. Obiakor, Professor
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