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119th COMMENCEMENT

DOCTORAL HOODING CEREMONY
MAY 16, 2024



DOCTORAL HOODING CEREMONY

Order of Exercises

Academic Procession

The audience is requested to remain seated during the procession.

Degree Candidates

Behavior Analysis, Health Professions Education, Library & Information Science, Physical Therapy, and Social Work (Completed August 2023)

Welcome

Stephanie Cosner, Ph.D., Provost, Simmons University

Student Speaker

Isabella Marie Carlos, Doctor of Physical Therapy Candidate

Faculty Speaker

Dolores Wolongevicz, Ph.D., RD, LDN, Director of the Health Professions Education Program and Associate Professor of Practice

In Memoriam

Posthumous degree presentation for **Haley Cremer (1994-2014)**

Presented by: **Justin Beebe, P.T., Ph.D.**, Physical Therapy Program Director and Professor

Presentation of Doctoral Hoods & Degree Reading

Presentation of Degree Candidates

Heather Shlosser, D.N.P., FNP-BC, PMHNP-BC, Interim Dean of The College of Natural Behavioral & Health Sciences and Associate Professor of Practice, Nursing

Diane Grossman, Ph.D., Interim Dean, The Gwen Ifill College of Media, Arts, and Humanities and Professor

Degree Candidate Name Reader

Paul Geisler, Ed.D., AT Ret., Interim Dean, School of Sciences & Health Professions and Teaching Professor, Health Professions Education

Diane Grossman, Ph.D., Interim Dean, The Gwen Ifill College of Media, Arts, and Humanities and Professor

Presentation of Hoods

Ronald Allen, Ph.D., BCBA-D, LABA, CBIS, Director of Behavior Analysis Ph.D. Program and Associate Professor of Practice

Dolores Wolongevicz, Ph.D., RD, LDN, Director of the Health Professions Education Program and Associate Professor of Practice

Justin Jones, P.T., D.P.T., OCS, Physical Therapy Department Chair and Professor of Practice

Laura Saunders, Ph.D., Associate Director of School of Library and Information Science and Professor

Kristie A. Thomas, Ph.D., M.S.W., School of Social Work Ph.D. Program Director and Professor

Jacqueline Dyer, Ph.D., M.S.W., LICSW, DSW Director and Associate Professor of Practice

Raquel Ellis, Ph.D., M.S.W., Associate Professor of Practice, Social Work

Vanessa Robinson-Dooley, Ph.D., Professor, Social Work

CANDIDATES FOR THE DOCTORAL DEGREES

The College of Natural, Behavioral, and Health Sciences

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Behavior Analysis

Caleb Davis, B.S., *Husson University*, M.S., *Western New England University*

Dissertation Title: *Effects of the Quick Transfer Procedure on Manding with Children with Autism*
Committee: Judah Axe, Ph.D., BCBA-D, LABA (Chair); Kylan Turner, Ph.D., BCBA-D, LABA; Alice Shillingsburg, Ph.D., BCBA-D, LABA

Dylan Palmer, B.A., *Hamilton College*, M.S.Ed., *Simmons University*

Dissertation Title: *Evaluation of De-escalation Strategies with the Use of Biofeedback*
Committee: Ron Allen, Ph.D., BCBA-D, LABA (Chair); Gretchen A. Dittrich, Ph.D., BCBA-D, LABA; Russell W. Maguire, Ph.D., BCBA-D, LABA

Gina Marie Parise, B.S., *Northeastern University*, M.S., *Simmons University*

Dissertation Title: *A Comparison of Static Versus Dynamic Picture Representation When Teaching Children with Autism to Identify Verbs*
Committee: Russell W. Maguire, Ph.D., BCBA-D, LABA (Chair); Christina King, Ph.D., BCBA-D, LABA; Kylan S. Turner, Ph.D., BCBA-D, LABA

Julius Warindu, B.A., *Consolata Institute of Philosophy, Kenya*, M.A., *Boston College*, M.A., *Northeastern University*

Dissertation Title: *The Effects of Reinforcement Probability on the Persistence of Response Accuracy and Latency During the Discrete Trial Training Format*
Committee: Ron Allen, Ph.D., BCBA-D, LABA (Chair); Judah Axe, Ph.D., BCBA-D, LABA; Kylan Turner, Ph.D., BCBA-D, LABA

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Educational Leadership

Frances Keefe, B.S., M.S., *Boston University*

Dissertation Title: *Assessing Law School Student Engagement Factors of Students at the University of New Hampshire Franklin Pierce School of Law*
Committee: Benjamin R. Cole, Ph.D. (Chair); Leah Hart Tennen, M.S.W., MPH, LICSW; Erica Cole Harms, Ph.D.

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY
Health Professions Education

Siobhan Donofrio, B.A., Yale University, M.S.,
Northeastern University, CAGS, Simmons University

Dissertation Title: *An Educational Intervention Research Study with Dietetic Interns: Food Insecurity Among Older Adults*

Committee: Dolores Wolongevicz, Ph.D., RD, LDN (Chair); Lisa Brown, Ph.D., RD, LDN; Abbie K. Frost, Ph.D.

Anan Fareed, B.A., Bethlehem University, M.A., Jordan University, Jordan, M.S.W., Simmons University, CAGS, Simmons University

Dissertation Title: *Exploring Interprofessional Collaboration Practice between Social Workers and other Healthcare Practitioners Within the West Bank, Palestine*

Committee: Dolores Wolongevicz, Ph.D., RD, LDN (Chair); Johnnie Hamilton-Mason, Ph.D., M.S.W.; David Byers, Ph.D., M.S.W.

Sara Elizabeth Parkinson Gibbons, B.A., Williams College, M.S.N., University of New Hampshire, CAGS, Simmons University

Dissertation Title: *Perceptions of Pediatric Emergency Department Nurses of the Adequacy of Their Workplace Active Shooter Education: A Qualitative Study*

Committee: Dolores Wolongevicz, Ph.D., RD, LDN, (Chair); Eileen McGee, Ph.D., RN; Christian Lanphere, Ph.D., FNP, CEM

Nicole Marie Guerin, B.A., M.S., University of Massachusetts, CAGS, Simmons University

Dissertation Title: *Understanding Compassion in Health Professions Education from the Perspective of Providers with Educator and Lived Patient Experience*

Committee: Anne-Marie Barron, Ph.D., RN, PMHCNS-BC, FAAN, (Chair); Daren Graves, EdD; Tanya Cohn, Ph.D., Med., RN

Stacey Adamson Maguire, B.S., M.S., Boston University, D.P.T., MGH Institute of Health Professions, CAGS, Simmons University

Dissertation Title: *Knowledge and Attitudes about Physical Therapy in Underrepresented High School Students Following a College Campus Career Education Experience*

Committee: Dolores Wolongevicz, Ph.D., RD, LDN, (Chair); Elaine Augustine, Ph.D.; Amy Heath, Ph.D., D.P.T.

Whitney M. Osborn, B.S., D.P.T., Simmons University

Dissertation Title: *An Exploration of Student Self-Assessment Alignment With Clinical Instructor Assessment on the Physical Therapy Clinical Performance Instrument*

Committee: Dolores M Wolongevicz, Ph.D., RD, LDN (Chair); Justin Beebe, P.T., Ph.D.; Carolyn Rodgers, Ph.D., MSPH, MHS, MCHES®, NASM-YES & GPTS; Renae Gorman, P.T., D.P.T., EdD

Debbi-Anne Andrea Williams, B.S., Montclair State University, M.A., Boston University, CAGS, Simmons University

Dissertation Title: *The Reluctant Educator: Medical Laboratory Science Practitioners' Construction of Clinical Preceptor Identity*

Committee: Daren Graves, EdD (Chair); Dolores Wolongevicz, Ph.D., RD, LDN; Frank Scarano, Ph.D., MLT(ASCP)Mcm

DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

Athena A. Akiki, B.S., *Saint Michael's College*

Project Title: *Effectiveness of Patient Education in Improving Quality of Life in Adult Patients Following a Stroke: A Systematic Review*

D.P.T. Project Advisor(s): Justin A. Beebe, P.T., Ph.D.

Jennifer Briscoe, B.A., *Endicott College*

Project Title: *Predictive Validity and Responsiveness of the Spinal Cord Independence Measure (SCIM III) in Veterans with SCI*

D.P.T. Project Advisor(s): Stacy Maguire, P.T., D.P.T., CAGS

Isabella Marie Carlos, B.S., *Florida State University*

Project Title: *Utility of Accelerometry in Assessing Functional Mobility in Patients with Heart Failure: A Systematic Review*

D.P.T. Project Advisor(s): Jenna Stuebe Powers, P.T., D.P.T., CCS

Mollie Casey, B.S., *University of Rhode Island*

Project Title: *Representation of Concussion Content in the Doctor of Physical Therapy Curriculum: A Survey*

D.P.T. Project Advisor(s): Devashish Tiwari P.T., D.P.T., Ph.D., NCS

Ivy K. Chiu, B.S., *Simmons University*

Project Title: *Development of the Novel Multiple Choice Questionnaire to Assess Evidence-Based Competency Among Physical Therapy Clinical Instructors*

D.P.T. Project Advisor(s): Amitabh Dashottar, P.T., Ph.D.

Paige Concannon, B.S., *Simmons University*

Project Title: *Effectiveness of Vestibular Rehabilitation in Children and Adolescents Post Concussion: A Systematic Review*

D.P.T. Project Advisor(s): Devashish Tiwari P.T., D.P.T., Ph.D., NCS

Taylor D'Hedouville, B.S., *Simmons University*

Project Title: *Does pelvic floor muscle training improve sexual dysfunction in post menopausal women? A scoping review*

D.P.T. Project Advisor(s): Rachel Verill D.P.T., P.T., OCS

Connor Anthony Dante, B.A., *College of the Holy Cross*

Project Title: *Development of the Novel Multiple Choice Questionnaire to Assess Evidence-Based Competency Among Physical Therapy Clinical Instructors*

D.P.T. Project Advisor(s): Amit Dashottar P.T., Ph.D.

Jeffrey A. Davis, B.S., *Gordon College*

Project Title: *The Use of Patient Education in the Physical Therapy Treatment of Tendinopathy: A Scoping Review*

D.P.T. Project Advisor(s): Justin A. Beebe, P.T., Ph.D.

Cindy Hong Phuong Do, B.S., *Simmons University*

Project Title: *The Use of Patient Education in the Physical Therapy Treatment of Tendinopathy: A Scoping Review*

D.P.T. Project Advisor(s): Justin A. Beebe, P.T., Ph.D.

Kerry L. Flavin, B.S., *University of Massachusetts*

Project Title: *Predictive validity and responsiveness of the Spinal Cord Independence Measure (SCIM III) in veterans with spinal cord injury*

D.P.T. Project Advisor(s): Stacey Maguire PT, DPT, CAGS

Stephanie A. Gauthier, B.S., *University of Massachusetts*

Project Title: *Impact of Pelvic Floor Exercise on Sexual Function of Postmenopausal Women*

D.P.T. Project Advisor(s): Rachel Verrill P.T., D.P.T., OCS

Brianna Godwin, B.S., *Simmons University*

Project Title: *Predictive validity and responsiveness of the Spinal Cord Independence Measure (SCIM III) in veterans with spinal cord injury*

D.P.T. Project Advisor(s): Stacey Maguire P.T., D.P.T., CAGS

Alexandra Groos, B.A., *Cornell University*

Project Title: *Utility of Accelerometry in Assessing Functional Mobility in Patients with Heart Failure: A Systematic Review*

D.P.T. Project Advisor(s): Jenna Stuebe Powers, P.T., DPT, CCS

Elizabeth A. Hall, B.A., *Providence College*

Project Title: *Utility of Accelerometry in Assessing Functional Mobility in Patients with Heart Failure: A Systematic Review*

D.P.T. Project Advisor(s): Jenna Stuebe Powers, P.T., D.P.T., CCS

Emily K. Jarzabek, B.S., *Boston University*

Project Title: *The Use of Patient Education in the Physical Therapy Treatment of Tendinopathy: A Scoping Review*

D.P.T. Project Advisor(s): Justin A. Beebe, P.T., Ph.D.

Kathryn Elizabeth Jones, B.S., *Simmons University*

Project Title: *Representation of Concussion Content in the Doctor of Physical Therapy Curriculum: A Survey Study*

D.P.T. Project Advisor(s): Devashish Tiwari Ph.D., D.P.T., NCS

Hanna S. Kamikawa, B.S., *University of Oregon*

Project Title: *Utility of Accelerometry in Assessing Functional Mobility in Patients with Heart Failure: A Systematic Review*

D.P.T. Project Advisor(s): Jenna Stuebe Powers, P.T., D.P.T., CCS

Jenette Leung, B.S., *University of San Francisco*

Project Title: *Impact of Pelvic Floor Exercise on Sexual Function in Postmenopausal Women*

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Megan McKeever, B.S., *Simmons University*

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Brandon Messina, B.S., *Bridgewater State University*

Project Title: *Effectiveness of Patient Education in Improving Quality of Life in Adult Patients Following a Stroke: A Systematic Review*

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Mark W. Mikhaeal, B.S., *University of Massachusetts, M.T.S., Hellenic College*

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D.P.T. Project Advisor(s): Devashish Tiwari Ph.D., D.P.T., NCS

Gabriela Elena Moreno-King, B.S., *University of Massachusetts*

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Kaylie E. Turrell, B.S., *Simmons University*

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Victoria Amber Twombly, B.S., *Gordon College*

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August J. West, B.S., *Simmons University*

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D.P.T. Project Advisor(s): Devashish Tiwari Ph.D., D.P.T., NCS

The Gwen Ifill College of Media, Arts, and Humanities

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Library and Information Science

Zhan Hu, M.S., *Tufts University*, M.S., *Simmons University*

Dissertation Title: *Parents' Health Information Needs, Practices, and Decision-Making during the COVID-19 Pandemic*

Advisor(s): Naresh Agarwal, Ph.D. (Chair); Catherine Dumas, Ph.D.; Elaine Martin, MSLS, D.A.; Rong Tang, Ph.D.

Matthew Connor Sullivan, B.A., *Gardner-Webb University*, M.St., *Oxford University*, M.T.S., *Harvard Divinity School*, M.S., *Simmons University*

Dissertation Title: *Habits and Heuristics: How Librarians Evaluate News Online*

Advisor(s): Laura Saunders, Ph.D. (Chair); Sanda Erdelez, Ph.D.; Kyong Eun Oh, Ph.D.; Colin Rhinesmith, Ph.D.; Saher Selod, Ph.D.

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY
Social Work

Gordon Chinamasa, B.Th., *Cape Town Baptist Seminary, South Africa*, M.A., *Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary*, M.S.W., *Baylor University*

Dissertation Title: *Feasibility and Preliminary Testing of a Competency-Based Training Intervention on Changes in Perceived Self-Efficacy and Attitudes of Homeless Service Providers*

Committee: Kristie A. Thomas, Ph.D., M.S.W. (Chair); Christina Sellers, Ph.D., LCSW; Thomas Byrne, Ph.D., M.S.W., Boston University School of Social Work

Jordyn L. Hagar, B.A., *Dartmouth College*, M.S.W., *Fordham University*

Dissertation Title: *Social Justice Action: A Mixed Methods Study Exploring Factors and Processes that Drive and Sustain Engagement Among Social Workers*

Committee: Kristie A. Thomas, Ph.D., M.S.W. (Chair); Noelle C. Dimitri, Ph.D., LICSW; Michael Reisch, Ph.D.

Rebekah Sara Halmo, B.A., *Wheaton College*, M.S.W., *Simmons University*

Dissertation Title: *Assessing Attitudes Towards Addiction: A Secondary Analysis of Harm Reduction Acceptability, Substance-Related Stigma, and Cultural Capability Among Health Professionals*

Committee: Noelle Dimitri, Ph.D., LICSW, Assistant Professor, Simmons University (Chair); Joanna Almeida, ScD, MPH, M.S.W., Professor, Simmons University; Jessie Quintero Johnson, Ph.D., LICSW, Associate Professor, Emerson College

Michelle M. Oliver, B.A., *Hartwick College*, M.S.W., *Simmons University*

Dissertation Title: *Parent Perception of the Antecedents of Their Child's Suicide*

Committee: Peter Maramaldi, Ph.D., MPhil, LCSW, MPH, (Chair), Endowed Professor, Simmons University; Joanna Almeida, ScD, MPH, M.S.W. Endowed Associate Professor, Simmons University; Jill T. Owczarzak, Ph.D. Associate Professor, Johns Hopkins University

Courtney Erin Rovere, B.S.W., *Marist College*, M.S.W., *State University of New York*

Dissertation Title: *"We Cried Together": Exploring Turnover Decisions, Retention Decisions & Other Lived Experiences of the Majority-Female Child Welfare Workforce*

Committee: Joanna Almeida, ScD, MPH, M.S.W. (Chair), Professor, Eva Whiting White Endowed Chair, Simmons University School of Social Work Internal Reader: Johnnie Hamilton-Mason, Ph.D., M.S.W. Professor, Interim Director, Simmons University School of Social Work Inaugural Visiting Scholar Embrace, King Boston External Reader: Melissa Radey, Ph.D., MSSW, MA Agnes Flaherty Stoops Professor in Child Welfare, College of Social Work, Florida State University

DOCTOR OF SOCIAL WORK (Completed August 2023)

Stephenie S. Bowens, B.A., *University of the Incarnate Word*, M.S.W., *Univeristy of South Carolina*

Dissertation Title: *Advancing Inclusive Residential Facilities for Individuals with Serious Mental Illness and Diverse LGBTQ+ Identities: A Holistic Approach to Comprehensive Care*

Advisor: Kathy Queli McGraw, Ph.D., MPH, LCSW, LAC, LPP

Cherylann Campbell-McCalla, B.S., M.S.Ed., *The City University of New York*, M.S.W., *Fordham University*

Dissertation Title: *Exploring the Efficacy of Cultural Diversity Education in Schools of Social Work: Using a Cultural Genograms to Provide Structural Consistency*

Advisor: Anthony Nicotera, JD, DSW, LCSW

Andrea L. Daniels, B.S., *Southern University*, M.S.W., *University of Houston*

Dissertation Title: *A Continuing Education Experience: Enhancing Professional Competence and Professional Development Through Crisis Intervention*

Advisor: Kathy Queli McGraw, Ph.D., MPH, LCSW, LAC, LPP

Jamie Lynn Devine, B.A., *University of Hartford*, M.S.W., *Westfield State University*

Dissertation Title: *Team-Based Well-Child Visits: Building Equity Through Preventative Care*

Advisor: Anthony Nicotera, JD, DSW, LCSW

Tiffany Marie Digi'Amo, B.S.W., *Western Carolina University*, M.S.W., *University of Southern California*

Dissertation Title: *Critical Consciousness Podcast: The Gateway to Promoting Social Justice within Healthcare Social Work Practice*

Advisor: Kathy Queli McGraw, Ph.D., MPH, LCSW, LAC, LPP

Ky-sha D. Duncan, B.A., *Winston-Salem State University*, M.A., M.S.W., *North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University*

Dissertation Title: *Black LGBT Health Disparities*

Advisor: Anthony Nicotera, JD, DSW, LCSW

Sylvia Escoto, B.S., *Suffolk University*, M.S.W., *Wheelock College*

Dissertation Title: *Voices of the Latinx: A Training to Help Destigmatize Mental Health Within the Latinx Community*

Advisor: Kathy Queli McGraw, Ph.D., MPH, LCSW, LAC, LPP

Rebecca L. Farley, B.S.W., M.S.W., *The University of Oklahoma*

Dissertation Title: *Interdisciplinary Approach to Addressing Racial Disparities in Childbirth*

Advisor: Nicole Schneider, Ph.D.

Jenice Thompson Foreman, B.S.W., M.S.W., *East Tennessee State University*

Dissertation Title: *The Audacity to be Resilient*

Advisor: Darrin Wright, Ph.D., LMSW, MAC

Katina Felisa Fuller, B.S., *Valdosta State University*, M.S.W., *Clark Atlanta University*

Dissertation Title: *A Decolonized Healthcare Training Program (DHTP): The Role of Healthcare Providers Implicit Bias on Healthcare Disparities in Service Delivery to Marginalized Groups*

Advisor: Anthony Nicotera, JD, DSW, LCSW

Jazmin Raylene Gem Gordon-Rose, B.S., *Syracuse University*, M.S.W., *Fordham University*

Dissertation Title: *The CREW: Cultivating Relationships and Restoration through Expressive Arts and a Wholistic Approach to Serve Adjudicated Youth*
Advisor: Darrin Wright, Ph.D., LMSW, MAC

Kertrina A. Graham, B.S.W., *Virginia Union University*, M.S.W., *University of South Carolina*

Dissertation Title: *The Integration of Empathy into Social Work Practice*
Advisor: Anthony Nicotera, JD, DSW, LCSW

Cayla Marie Guadalupe-Murdoch, B.S.W., M.S.W., *State University of New York*

Dissertation Title: *The Bridge – A Sexual Abuse Prevention Curriculum Spanning Correctional-Based and Community-Based Treatment for Adult Males Who Have Sexually Offended*
Advisor: Darrin Wright, Ph.D., LMSW, MAC

Mary Denise Harris, B.S.W., *Eastern University*, M.S.W., *Temple University*

Dissertation Title: *An Initial Support and Stabilization Response Model for Children's Advocacy Center Multidisciplinary Teams to Address Problematic Sexual Behaviors in Children*
Advisor: Kathy Queli McGraw, Ph.D., MPH, LCSW, LAC, LPP

Sanquinnette Washington Haynes, B.S., *Xavier University of Louisiana*, M.S.W., *Southern University*

Dissertation Title: *Raising Awareness of Implicit Biases of Black Men in Substance Use Disorder Treatment*
Advisor: Darrin Wright, Ph.D., LMSW, MAC

Alissa Frances Hebert-Wallace, B.S., *Nicholas State University*, M.S.W., *Tulane University*

Dissertation Title: *Pawsitive Outlooks: A Psychoeducational Podcast to Reduce the Symptoms and Effects of Compassion Fatigue in Veterinary Professionals*
Advisor: Darrin Wright, Ph.D., LMSW, MAC

Danielle Lynn Hudak, B.S., *Towson University*, M.S.W., *Salisbury University*

Dissertation Title: *A Comprehensive Training Program Supporting Social Work Field Practice Students: Addressing the Implications of ACEs, Trauma, and Past Pain on Professional Practice*
Advisor: Kathy Queli McGraw, Ph.D., MPH, LCSW, LAC, LPP

Stefani Marie Huey, B.A., *St. Joseph's College*, M.S.W., *Simmons University*

Dissertation Title: *Reproductive Mental Health and Reproductive Justice in Social Work Practice: Course Development for MSW-Level Education*
Advisor: Nicole Schneider, Ph.D.

Amanda Colquitt Johns, B.A., *Florida Atlantic University*, M.S.W., *Simmons University*

Dissertation Title: *Deconstructing Attachment Theory for Clinical Practice*
Advisor: Nicole Schneider, Ph.D.

Susan Little, B.A., M.S.W., *Marshall University*

Dissertation Title: *Healthcare Equity: Illuminating the Experiences of the Mental Health Population in an Appalachian Hospital*
Advisor: Darrin Wright, Ph.D., LMSW, MAC

Melissa J. Mason, B.A., *State University of New York*, M.S.W., *Syracuse University*

Dissertation Title: *Preparing M.S.W. Students for Competent Recognition and Assessment of Eating Disorders: An M.S.W. Curriculum*
Advisor: Nicole Schneider, Ph.D.

- Charleta Wylie Maxwell, B.S., M.S.W., *University of South Carolina*
- Dissertation Title:** *The Racialized Nature of Child Welfare Policies on Black Women and their Families with an Emphasis on the Foster Care System*
Advisor: Darrin Wright, Ph.D., LMSW, MAC
- Kelly Myles Maybin, B.S.W., *Mars Hill University*, M.S., *University of Tennessee*
- Dissertation Title:** *Empathy When Working with Diverse Populations: Grounded on the DEIPAR Framework*
Advisor: Darrin Wright, Ph.D., LMSW, MAC
- Kimberly Renay Mayes, B.A., *University of Florida*, M.S.W., *Clark Atlanta University*
- Dissertation Title:** *Black & Ignored: The Implementation of the Most Impactful & Culturally Responsive Therapeutic Practices for Black Women*
Advisor: Darrin Wright, Ph.D., LMSW, MAC
- L. Tanise McInnis, B.S.W., M.S.W., *University of Southern Mississippi*, Ed.S., *University of Missouri*
- Dissertation Title:** *A.I.M. to Unpack-Amplification & Intersectionality through Media Podcasting*
Advisor: Folusho O. Otuyelu, Ph.D., LCSW
- Kevin Patrick Meenan, B.A., *Western Connecticut State University*, M.S.W., M.B.A., *Salisbury University*
- Dissertation Title:** *Master Narrative Disruption: An empowerment approach to substance use disorder treatment through self-assessment and counter-storytelling*
Advisor: Kathy Queli McGraw, Ph.D., MPH, LCSW, LAC, LPP
- Johnice Aeida Yvette Moore, B.A., *Appalachian State University*, M.A., *North Carolina Central University*, M.S., *Rutgers University*
- Dissertation Title:** *Meritocracy in the Classroom: An Educational Podcast for the Culturally Responsive Educator*
Advisor: Darrin Wright, Ph.D., LMSW, MAC
- LaToia J. Moore, B.S.W., *Western Kentucky University*, M.S.W., *University of Southern California*
- Dissertation Title:** *Holistic View in Depressive Symptomatology in Black Men*
Advisor: Nicole Schneider, Ph.D
- Gerald M. Myers, Jr., B.A., *Thomas Edison State University*, M.S.W., *Syracuse University*
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