Welcome to the Fall 2017 Edition of The Executive!

As Coordinator of The University of Alabama's Executive Ed.D. Program in Higher Education Administration, I am pleased to share with you a tremendous amount of good news since our last installment. Students, faculty, and alumni have been extremely busy and involved in some significant experiences. Inside these pages you will learn more about how the many accomplishments of our faculty, our recent graduates, Cohort XI's international trip, and how to refer prospective students.

In the fall 2016, the Higher Education Program welcomed two new faculty members, Dr. Cindy Ann Kilgo and Dr. Stephen D. Mobley, Jr. We are excited that both of them will be teaching in the Executive Ed.D. Program (Cohort XI) this month. And, we also want to welcome our newest colleagues, Dr. Frankie Santos-Laanan and Dr. Krystal Williams who will also be teaching Cohort XII during the Fall '17 and Spring '18 semesters, respectively. You can learn more about them on page 4.

Cohort XII's class membership has been selected and 12 higher education professionals will be joining our UA family in September! We are excited to welcome these talented individuals.

I would like to personally thank each of you for being such tremendous ambassadors for our program and for referring The Executive Ed.D. program to your colleagues. This year's cohort includes four students who were referred by either an alumni member or a current student. Please continue to think of us as you encounter professionals looking to earn a doctorate in a 3-year, weekends-only format. Recruiting for Cohort XIII is already under way!

As always, please keep us updated on your professional efforts so that we can include them in future newsletters. Your success means that UA's Executive Ed.D. Program is accomplishing its mission of preparing the next generation of higher education leaders.

Warm regards,
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INTRODUCING COHORT 12

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Georgia Piedmont Technical College

Christopher Blackmon
Bradley, Arant Boult & Cummings LLC

Donna Boutwell
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Brian Gorman
Western Carolina University

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Lee Weldon
University of South Alabama

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Members of the Executive Ed.D. Cohort Program quickly became familiar with McLure Library’s digital resources for their research during their recent orientation, but how much do you actually know about the library and the librarians?

McLure Education Library, located at 918 University Blvd, is one of five libraries on The University of Alabama campus that together form the University of Alabama Libraries. The UA Libraries is a member of the Association of Research Libraries, which is a group of 123 research libraries in the U.S. and Canada.

McLure is one of the University’s most historic buildings, but it hasn’t always been a library. Built in 1925, for years the building housed the student cafeteria, post office, and supply store. It wasn’t until 1954 that the building was remodeled and became the Education Library. In 1975, it was named in honor of John Rankin McLure, Dean of the College of Education from 1942-1959.

McLure currently houses the following:
- McLure Collection—education related research & professional resources
- School Library Collection—books for preschool through young adult readers
- Curriculum Materials Center—textbooks, curriculum guides, manipulatives, and other teaching-related resources
- Technology—SMARTBoard, Promethean board, computer stations, print/scan stations
- Individual & group study spaces

Follow McLure Library on Instagram, Twitter, & Facebook @McLureLibrary.

Vanjury “V” Dozier is the Education Librarian at McLure Library where she provides research and instruction support to College of Education faculty, staff, and students. V is library liaison to ELPTS, ESPRMC, Kinesiology, Music Education, and SPEMA departments. She is currently working towards a Ph.D. in Instructional Leadership—IT concentration. V previously taught secondary English Language Arts in North Carolina and Alabama public schools. In her rare free time, V enjoys quality time with family, watching sports, and reading things not related to work or graduate school.

Benita Strnad holds an MLS from Emporia State University, in Emporia, Kansas and an MA in Education from Fort Hays State University in Hays, Kansas. She is a former school librarian and is the Curriculum Materials Librarian. While she primarily works with undergraduates in the Teacher Education Program, she has a great deal of experience assisting graduate students and faculty with their research when needed. Lately she has been honing her skills in the area of altmetrics in research publications of all types that increase the impact and visibility of faculty research and their other scholarly activities.
Dr. Cindy Ann Kilgo earned a Ph.D. in Educational Policy and Leadership Studies, with an emphasis in Higher Education and Student Affairs, from the University of Iowa. Dr. Kilgo holds a M.Ed. in Higher Education and Student Affairs from the University of South Carolina, and a B.S. in Psychology from Georgia Southern University.

Dr. Kilgo's research examines high-impact educational practices, the experiences of marginalized student populations, college student development, and the utility and validity of using critical quantitative methodologies to examine how college affects students.

Dr. Steve Mobley, Jr. earned his B.A. in Communication & Culture from Howard University. He completed his M.A. in Higher Education Management from The University of Pennsylvania and earned his Ph.D. in Higher Education from the University of Maryland.

Dr. Mobley's scholarship focuses on the contemporary placement of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). His research highlights the understudied facets of HBCU communities and underscores topics surrounding race, social, class, and student sexuality. He also explores how low-income and first generation students access and persist within higher education environments and how African American collegians experience post-secondary context.

Dr. Williams received her Ph.D. in Higher Education and Public Policy from University of Michigan in 2014, and her MS and BS in Mathematical Sciences from Clark Atlanta University.

Most recently, Dr. Williams was a senior research associate with the Frederick D. Patterson Research Institute at the United Negro College Fund. She is a former AERA Postdoctoral Fellow at Educational Testing Service (ETS) and an AERA Minority Dissertation Fellow in Education Research.

Her research areas include higher education and public policy, STEM, access/equity for underrepresented groups, strength-based research, and higher education finance and economics.


Dr. Cindy Ann Kilgo, Dr. Steve Mobley, Jr. are joined by Dr. Jay Garvey and students at AERA
FACULTY NEWS & PUBLICATIONS

Dr. Nathaniel Bray was named Associate Director of the Education Policy Center. His publications include:


Dr. Arlene Breaux was promoted to Clinical Associate Professor/Coordinator of Executive Ed.D. Cohort Program.

Dr. Cindy Ann Kilgo’s recent publications include:


Dr. Stephen Katsinass’s recent publications include:


Dr. Frankie Laanan participated in the 2017 Project Kaleidoscope (PKAL) Summer Leadership Institute (SLI) for STEM Faculty. The Institute is sponsored by the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U) https://www.aacu.org/. The PKAL Summer Leadership Institute is designed for both early and mid-career STEM faculty engaged in leading projects aimed at transforming undergraduate STEM education in their classrooms, departments, and institutions. The five-day intensive Institute provides faculty participants with the theory and practice required to effectively manage the politics of such change and contribute to the national STEM higher education reform effort.

Some of Dr. Laanan’s recent publications include:


Dr. Claire Major is serving as the Educational Leadership, Policy, and Technology Studies (ELPTS) Department Chair.
**Dr. Steve Mobley, Jr.** was recognized as the PENN GSE Alumni Recent Alumni/Early Career Award of Merit. Dr. Mobley was recently quoted in the “The Chronicle of Higher Education” [http://www.chronicle.com/article/Trump-Struggles-to-Find-a/240745](http://www.chronicle.com/article/Trump-Struggles-to-Find-a/240745)

**Dr. Karri Holley’s** recent scholarship includes:

**Dr. Alan Webb, Adjunct Faculty**, created a Facebook page for students interested in learning more about how to develop a dissertation. You can find the page at www.facebook.com/dissertationconsulting

His recent publications include:

**Dr. Krystal Williams** recent scholarship includes.

**COHORT 10 COMPLETES COURSEWORK**

At the end of the 2017 Summer semester, Cohort 10 celebrated passing comprehensive exams and the completion of coursework. Now let the dissertation writing begin!
Cohort 11 had a fantastic experience touring Belgium and the Netherlands in their Comparative Higher Education course this summer. This year the group was led by Dr. Stephen Katsinas. Their week long excursion began June 4 in Amsterdam and concluded in Leiden June 10. Their tour guide, Ingeborg Lameire, took the group to the Thomas More Hogeschool, the University of Ghent, the University of Kent, and the University of Leiden.

The academic and cultural experiences they gained through study abroad will help shape their outlook, global awareness, and future endeavors.
Cohort 1

Dr. Christopher Holland has been awarded the Outstanding Community College Professional of the Year in NASPA Region III. He was also recognized as Alum of the Year from Jamestown Community College in New York.

Dr. Melinda Byrd-Murphy is now Dean of External Funding and Instructional Services at Coastal Alabama Community College.

Cohort 2 Dr. Paula Gill and Cohort 7 Dr. Edward Serna (seen above) completed the Harvard Graduate School of Education’s 2017 Institute for Educational Management held July 16-28.

Cohort 7

Matthew Little was named Assistant Vice President of Enrollment Management & Director of Admissions at Gordon State College.

Dr. Edward Serna was promoted to Chief of Staff & Vice Chancellor for Strategic Initiatives at The University of Arkansas at Fort Smith.

Cohort 9

Dr. Sherry Chance was named Associate Dean of the School of Business and Chair of the online program for Business Studies at LeTourneau University in Longview, TX.

Holly Hudson (seen above) was selected to participate in the Diversity Abroad Network 2017 Global Institute for Inclusive Leadership in Capetown, South Africa. Under her leadership, her office was awarded the Institute of International Education Generation Study Abroad Seal of Excellence.

Christopher Shropshire was named Associate Director of Charter Schools at Eastern Michigan University.

Cohort 10

Michael Wallace was promoted to Professor of Practice and Director of the Emergency and Security Studies Program at Tulane University.

Tava Bingham has been named one of University of Central Florida’s Alumni’s 2017 30 under 30.

Cohort 11

Amelia Bickel (seen below) has been named UAs Director of First Year Experience and Retention Initiatives.

Kelby Lamar is UAB’s new Coordinator of Fraternity and Sorority Life.

Cohort 12


2017-2019 DASH EMERGENCY GRANT RECIPIENTS

Great Lakes Education Philanthropy awarded 32 Colleges in six states $7.2 million in Dash Emergency Grants. These grants are awarded to four year colleges to help low-income, at-risk students overcome financial difficulties. Colleges report students who have access to the grant stay in school at better rates and graduate in larger numbers. Two of our alums were the grant writers for a $157,000 grant for University of Arkansas at Fort Smith (Cohort 7’s Dr. Edward Serna) and a $210,000 grant for University of Central Arkansas (Cohort 8’s John Fincher).
2016-2017 GRADUATES

Summer 2016
Sohail Agboatwala
Lee Lind
Christina White

Fall 2016
Peter Tofani

Spring 2017
Shelley Caraway
Monica Davis
Amanda Lammers
Lawrence Mendez
Thomas Tate

Summer 2017
Sherry Chance
Ronald Hebert
Matthew Kerch
R. Mark Miles
Anthony Pennington

HELP US FIND OUR NEXT COHORT!

Our alumni are our greatest recruiting asset! So please help us build our Bama family by referring those you think would be a good fit for the Executive Ed.D. Program. Share your experience with colleagues ready to take the next professional step by earning a doctorate in Higher Education.

Fall 2018 admission deadline is
February 15, 2018

Build on Bama Grant

Now you have the chance to help your referrals earn a tuition grant covering 3 credit hours!

The College of Continuing Studies will provide up to 3 hours of tuition for newly admitted students if they have been referred to the program by a recent graduate and complete a referral grant application form.

If you are referring someone please consider filling out The University of Alabama Build on Bama Grant Application.
Contact Us
We love hearing what our Alumni are up to!

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