Ph.D. Newsletter

DIRECTOR’S CORNER:
The PhD program has had a great year. The doctoral students have been busy presenting their research, publishing articles, receiving awards, and accepting faculty positions. Numerous students will be presenting their research at CSWE-APM next year in Dallas.

Doctoral Students Presented at ACES 2013
Many doctoral students participated in the 2013 ACES Program that was held on Wednesday, March 27, 2013 at the University of Texas at Arlington.

- Barnett, Tracey M.: Knowledge is (Not) Power: Barriers to Physical Activity in African American Women
- Chigbu, Kingsley: Causes and Trajectories of Organized Violence: Lessons from a Victimized Nigerian Community
- Graves, Shannon: On the Meaning of Life: A Qualitative Interpretive Meta-Synthesis on the Lived Experience of Life without Parole
- Hancock Bowers, Pam: The Ableist Privilege Activity: An active Learning Classroom Exercise
- Maleku, Arati: Does Female Literacy reduce Maternal Mortality? Findings from a Latent Growth Curve Analysis
- Wallace, Cara: End-of-life care in nursing homes: A Qualitative interpretive meta-synthesis (QIMS)

“Education is not filling a bucket, but lighting a fire.” - William Butler Yeats
Publications & Presentations
Recent Publications and presentations from Doctoral Students


- **Crow, A., Frank, L., & Aguirre, R. T. P.** Challenging our Assumptions about the Suicide Survivor Experiences with Support Groups, LOSS Team, Post-Traumatic Stress and Post-Traumatic Growth. American Association of Suicidology Annual Meeting, Austin, TX, April 2013.

- **Frank, L., & Aguirre, R.T.P.** (2013, April). Challenging the Assumptions about Intervention Length with Incarcerated Women. American Association of Suicidology Annual Meeting, Austin, TX,

- **Smith, M.** (2013, May). Reproductive Attitudes and Behaviors in People with Sickle Cell Disorders: A Qualitative Meta-Synthesis. Poster accepted for presentation at the Society for Prevention Research, 21st Annual Meeting, San Francisco CA.


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*Shannon Graves, Kathleen Preble, Cara Wallace, and Kingsley Chigbu talked about their research practicum with other doctoral students and faculty members at the brown bag event that took place on March 19, 2013.*
Graduation Updates

Nada Elias-Lambert, Ph.D., presented her dissertation defense on April 1st. Her dissertation title is “Bystander Sexual Violence Prevention Program: Implementation and Evaluation with High-Risk University Males.” Dr. Beverly Black served as her committee chair. Committee members included: Dr. Norman Cobb, Dr. Fran Danis, Dr. Richard Hoefer and external committee member, Dr. Dana Dunn. Nada will graduate this Spring 2013 and has accepted a job with Texas Christian University, School of Social Work, to begin the fall.

Kristin M. Bolton, Ph.D., will also graduate in Spring of 2013. Kristin defended her dissertation defense on April 22, 2013: “Development and Validation of the Resilience Protective Factors Inventory.” Kristin’s dissertation committee chair is Dr. Alexa Smith-Osborne. Committee members include: Dr. Gail Adorno, Dr. Norman Cobb, Dr. Debra Woody, and external committee member Dr. Patricia Newcomb. Kristin will begin her faculty position at the University of North Carolina Wilmington in Fall.

Upcoming Summer 2013 Dissertations

-Silviya Nikolova: committee members: Dr. John Bricout (Chair), Dr. Claudia Campillo (UANL/Co-Chair), Dr. Vijayan Pillai, Dr. Jesus Trevino (UANL), and external committee member: Dr. Helen Hunt.

-LaToya Smith; committee members: Dr. Maria Scannapieco (Chair), Dr. Debra Woody, Dr. Vijayan Pillai, Dr. John Rycraft, and external committee Dr. Robert Bing.

SPRING COMMENCEMENT
SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2013
COLLEGE PARK CENTER
8:00A.M.
Congratulations

Arati Maleku

School of Social Work PhD student, Arati Maleku, was honored on April 18, 2013 for her paper entitled “Does Female Literacy Reduce Maternal Mortality? Findings from a Latent Growth Curve Analysis.” The College of Liberal Arts presented the award at their ceremony celebrating excellence for students, faculty, and staff awards across the College. One of those awards is given annually by the Center for Women’s and Gender Studies.

In 2013 many doctoral students were recognized for their work at the Night of Excellence:

Charles H. Mindel Graduate Research Scholarship Fund
Nada Elias-Lambert

Doctoral students serving on committees
Ph.D. Committee - Arati Maleku
Periodic Review Committee - Pam Hancock Bowers
Research Committee - Kingsley Chigbu

Outstanding First Year Student
Brandi Felderhoff

Outstanding Second Year Student
Arati Maleku

Outstanding Third Year Student
Kristin Bolton

Graduating Doctoral Student
Spring 2013 - Kristin Bolton & Nada Elias-Lambert
Summer 2013 - Silviya Nikolova & Latoya Smith

Graduate Teaching Instructor
Pam Hancock Bowers.

Phi Kappa Phi Inductee
Janet Appleby

Alumni News

- **Dr. Mashooq Salehin** became a proud father on February 14, 2013 when his wife gave birth to a baby girl.
- **Chloe Corbett** has accepted a position as an assistant professor at the Oklahoma University, fall 2013.
- **Consoler Teboh** is currently an Assistant Professor at Saint Cloud State University.
Doctoral Student Association

The Doctoral Student Association (DSA) meets the first Thursday of every month at 5pm at the Old School Pizza and Subs Restaurant. This is a mixer event to include all faculty and doctoral students.

DSA held its last faculty/student mixer on Thursday, May 2, 2013 at 5:00pm. Since Kristin Bolton will be graduating, Tracey Barnett will be taking over the scheduling of the DSA events for the upcoming 2013-2014 academic year. If anyone is interested in assuming a leadership position in the DSA for the upcoming school year, please contact Tracey Barnett by May 31, 2013 (tracey.barnett@mavs.ut.edu).

Beautiful Babies!

Luca Elias-Lambert was born on Sunday, April 14, 2013 weighing 8 pounds and 20 inches long. He is the son Michael and Nada Elias-Lambert and little brother to Jude. Congratulations Nada on your success of completing your dissertation and giving birth to your new son all in the same month!

Jude with new baby brother Luca Shemsi Elias-Lambert