

# THE PH.D. EXPERIENCE: EXPECTATIONS & REALITIES

## Agenda

**Dr. Lawrence Morehouse**, President & CEO, Presiding

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### **Friday, June 29, 2012**

**1:00-5:00 p.m. ~ Duval Foyer**

♦ **Registration**

**2:00-3:20 p.m. ~ Duval Room**

♦ **Opening Session**

*Welcome and Purpose*

- *Dr. Lawrence Morehouse*

*The MDF Profile: 2012-2013 Class Portraits*

- *Mr. Charles Jackson*, MDF Program Manager

**3:30-4:30 p.m. ~ Duval Room**

♦ **Session I: Strategies for Navigating the Ph.D. Process: Expectations and Realities**

This session surveys key academic and psycho-social requirements to successfully navigate a Ph.D. program. By examining the unique nature of doctoral studies, personal learning styles, coping mechanisms, and skill sets, and the span of the doctoral commitment, students will leave the session empowered to create their own “Strategies for Navigating the Ph.D. Process.” The discussion will include information related to analytical note-taking; maintaining mental health, a strong work-ethic, and commitment; and the process of creating knowledge.

- *Dr. Dovie Gamble*, Professor, Department of Tourism, Recreation & Sports Management, University of Florida



**5:30-8:00 p.m. ~ Broward Room**

**McKnight Reception**

*Dinner*

*Entertainment: Daniel Giron*, Classical Guitarist

*Guest Speaker: Honorable Anitere Flores*, Member, The Florida Senate

*MDF Online Writing Workshops: Lyra Logan, Esq.*, Vice President & General Counsel, FEF

*Closing Remarks: Dr. Lawrence Morehouse*



*Senator Anitere Flores represents Senate District 38, which includes Kendall, Westchester, Fontainebleau, and portions of Southwest Miami-Dade County. Senator Flores earned a B.A. in Political Science and International Relations before earning her J.D. from the University of Florida Levin College of Law.*

*After law school, she was hired for the Florida House of Representatives Education Council before becoming Governor Jeb Bush’s Education Policy Chief. She also spent two years advocating for university students in her district as Director of State Relations for Florida International University. Senator Flores served from 2004 to 2010 in the Florida House of Representatives, where she ascended to Deputy Majority Leader, Chair of the PreK-12 Appropriations Committee, and Chair of the PreK-12 Policy Committee. She is the first Republican Hispanic woman to serve in the Florida Senate since 1989.*

*As a member of the Florida Senate, she is the Chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee and sits on the Budget and a number of other Senate Committees. Senator Flores also serves on various national and community boards, including the National Association of Latino Elected Officials (a leadership organization of the Hispanic elected and appointed public officials in the United States). Senator Flores is married to Dustin Anderson of Sarasota, Florida. Together they have two sons, Máximo Monte and Lucas Ignacio Anderson.*

**7:00-8:30 a.m.**

- ♦ **Room Checkout**

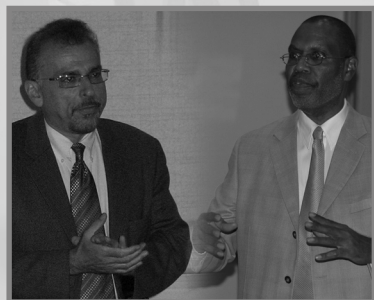
**8:00-8:45 a.m. ~ Duval Foyer**

- ♦ **Continental Breakfast**

**9:00-10:00 a.m. ~ Duval Room**

- ♦ **Session II: Negotiating the Ph.D. Environment**

This presentation will describe key components of the academic department at the Ph.D. level and engage new McKnight Doctoral Fellows in a discussion of strategies that can be developed to successfully negotiate the Ph.D. environment. The focus is on identifying challenges new



doctoral students must face and respond to in addressing these challenges. The challenges include cultivating relations with faculty and choosing a major professor, connecting to the faculty's research enterprise, connecting coursework to research interests

and dissertation development, forming committees and responding to them at various stages, and gaining an understanding of the academic culture and its role in facilitating degree completion and career sponsorship.

- *Dr. Marvin Dawkins*, Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Miami
- *Dr. Mohsen Milani*, Professor, Department of Government and International Affairs, University of South Florida



*Dr. Mark C. Dawkins, CPA, CMA, is Associate Dean of Academic Programs at the University of Georgia's Terry College of Business. He received his Ph.D. in Accounting from Florida State University and MBA (finance) and MACC (auditing) degrees from the University of Florida. He received his B.S. in Management from the Georgia Institute of Technology. His research interests include bankruptcy, market effects of information asymmetry, and market reactions to information disclosures. He has published in numerous journals in addition to developing textbook cases on strategic management issues. Professor Dawkins was a co-recipient of the 2006 and 2003 Beta Alpha Psi Outstanding Teacher of the Year Awards at the University of Georgia and received the 2006 and 2003 Alpha Kappa Psi Accounting Teacher of the Year Awards. He is a member of several state and national accountant professional organizations.*

**10:10-12:00 p.m. ~ Duval Room**

- ♦ **Graduate Deans' Roundtable**  
*From the Graduate Deans' Perspective: Best Practices for Completing Your Ph.D. Program*

On this panel, selected Graduate Deans offer their advice on the most effective practices for completing the Ph.D. program.

- *Dr. Laurence Alexander*, Associate Dean of Graduate Studies, University of Florida
- *Dr. Koren Bedeau*, Assistant Dean of the Graduate School, University of Miami
- *Dr. Peter Harries*, Interim Associate Dean of the Graduate School, University of South Florida
- *Dr. Sonja Montas-Hunter*, Assistant Dean of the Graduate School, Florida International University
- *Dr. Michael J. Stern*, Associate Dean of the Graduate School, University of Central Florida
- *Dr. Verian Thomas*, Interim Assistant Vice President for Research & Dean for Graduate Studies, Florida A&M University
- *Dr. Anne Marie West*, Director, Office of Graduate Fellowships and Awards, Florida State University



**12:00-12:10 p.m.**

- ♦ **Break**

**12:10-1:30 p.m. ~ Broward Room**

- ♦ **Luncheon: The Ph.D. Experience: Expectations and Realities**

- *Dr. Mark Dawkins*, Associate Dean of Academic Programs, University of Georgia

## Saturday, June 30, 2012

1:45-3:00 p.m.

### ♦ Introduction to Graduate Writing

Writing in graduate school presents a number of opportunities and challenges. This session will address a variety of types of writing students will experience in graduate school, including book reviews, critiques, literature reviews, annotated bibliographies, research papers and proposals, among others. In addition, the session will address the need for students to familiarize themselves with scholarly journals in their fields, along with writing styles and documentation specific to their disciplines. The session also will identify typical writing problems that occur in students' writing and provide references to remedy the weaknesses.



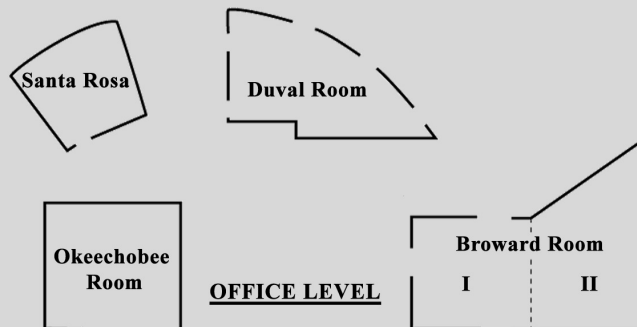
### BUSINESS, EDUCATION, HUMANITIES, SOCIAL SCIENCES ~ Broward Room

- Dr. Elizabeth Metzger, Associate Professor, Department of English, University of South Florida
- Dr. Vernetta Williams, Visiting Professor, Department of English, University of South Florida

### STEM ~ Sarasota Room

- Dr. Sylvia Holladay, Visiting Professor, Department of English, University of South Florida

## MARRIOTT TAMPA AIRPORT HOTEL



3:10-4:20 p.m. ~ Broward Room

### ♦ MDF Panel: The University Experience

The McKnight Doctoral Fellows' Panel has long been a New Fellows' Orientation highlight. Matriculating Fellows will share their experiences and insights on selected topics to help prepare new McKnight Fellows for their upcoming Ph.D. experiences.

- Mr. Justin Dunnivant (2010, Anthropology, UF), **Chair**
- Ms. Sennai Habtes (2009, Marine Science, USF): "Preparing for the First 18 Months of Your Ph.D. Program"
- Mr. Enrique Ortiz (2007, Electrical Engineering, UCF): "How Good Mentoring Matters in Your Ph.D. Program"
- Ms. Marsha Pacheco (2008, International Relations, UM): "The Importance of Effective Time Management"
- Ms. Jelaine Palmer-Janvier (2008, Public Administration, FSU): "Balancing Course Loads with Personal Commitments"



4:30-5:00 p.m. ~ Broward Room

### ♦ Closing Session

*Business Matters/Policies & Procedures*  
*Meeting Adjournment*