

# THE PH.D. EXPERIENCE: EXPECTATIONS & REALITIES

## Agenda

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

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## FRIDAY, JUNE 29, 2018

1:00-5:00 p.m. ~ *Grand Ballroom East Foyer*

### ♦ Registration

2:00-3:50 p.m. ~ *Grand Ballroom East*

### ♦ Opening Session

*Welcome and Purpose:* - Dr. Lawrence Morehouse

*The MDF Profile: 2018-2019 Class Portraits:* - Mr. Charles Jackson, MDF Program Manager

4:00-5:00 p.m. ~ *Grand Ballroom East*

### ♦ 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, 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, Retired Professor, University of Florida

6:00-8:30 p.m. ~ *Grand Ballroom West*

### McKnight Reception

*Guest Speaker:* Dr. Ruth Bahr, Associate Dean of Graduate Studies, University of South Florida

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

*Closing Remarks:* Dr. Lawrence Morehouse

*Dr. Ruth Bahr is a Professor in the Department of Communication Sciences & Disorders in the College of Behavioral & Community Sciences, specializing in speech/voice production and spelling development. She edited the Routledge Handbook of Communication Disorders (published May, 2015). In addition, she is the author of numerous articles and book chapters dealing with research issues including between and within speaker variability in forensic situations, the nature of phonological representations in dialect speakers and second language learners, and patterns of misspelling in typically developing children and those with various learning disabilities. She comes to the Office of Graduate Studies having just served as Graduate Program Director for the Speech-Language Pathology program. Dr. Bahr also served for five years on the Graduate Council, including three years as Chair of the Graduate Council's Policy Committee.*



# SATURDAY, JUNE 30, 2018

7:00-8:30 a.m.

♦ **Room Checkout**

8:00-8:45 a.m. ~ *Grand Ballroom East Foyer*

♦ **Continental Breakfast**

9:00-10:00 a.m. ~ *Grand Ballroom East*

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

This presentation describes key components of the academic department at the Ph.D. level and engages new McKnight Doctoral Fellows in a discussion of strategies to develop to successfully negotiate the Ph.D. environment. The session will focus on identifying and addressing challenges faced by new doctoral students. These 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 understanding the academic culture and its role in facilitating degree completion and career sponsorship.

- *Dr. Bernd Reiter*, Professor & Graduate Director, School of Interdisciplinary Global Studies, University of South Florida

10:10-12:00 p.m. ~ *Grand Ballroom East*

♦ **Graduate Deans' Roundtable**

*From the University Perspective: Best Practices for Completing the Ph.D. Program*

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

- *Dr. Sonja Montas-Hunter*, **Chair**, Assistant Vice Provost, Office of Student Access and Success, Florida International University

- *Dr. Ruth H. Bahr*, Associate Dean of Graduate Studies, University of South Florida

- *Dr. Henry T. Frierson*, Associate Vice President & Dean of the Graduate School, University of Florida

- *Dr. David Jackson*, Associate Provost for Graduate Education and Dean of the Graduate College, Florida A&M University

- *Dr. Jennifer Parham*, Assistant Dean, College of Graduate Studies, University of Central Florida

- *Dr. Guillermo Prado*, Dean of the Graduate School, Leonard M. Miller Professor of Public Health Sciences and Director of the Division of Prevention Science and Community Health, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine

- *Dr. Khaled Sobhan*, Professor and Interim Dean of the Graduate College, Florida Atlantic University

- *Dr. Adrienne P. Stephenson*, Assistant Dean & Director, Graduate Fellowships & Awards, Florida State University

12:10-1:30 p.m. ~ *Grand Ballroom West*

♦ **Luncheon and Keynote Address: Student Success and the Ph.D. Experience**

- *Dr. Frank Ashley III*, Senior Associate Dean and Senior Professor, Bush School of Government and Public Service, Texas A&M University

*Dr. Frank Ashley III is currently Senior Associate Dean and Senior Professor at the Bush School of Government and Public Service, Texas A&M University. He has been an educator for more than 40 years. After receiving his master's degree from the University of Alabama, he taught and coached at Louisiana College (his alma mater) for six years. Upon earning his doctorate from the University of Alabama, he joined the faculty at Texas A&M University and continued to work in the A&M University System for 26 years in many roles, including division chair, associate dean, director of admissions, dean, and interim provost/vice president for academic and student affairs. In 2007, Ashley became Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs for the A&M System and, in 2011, Vice Chancellor for Recruitment and Diversity. He left this position in 2013 to become Senior Vice President for Membership and Higher Education and later the Senior Advisor for Next Generation Membership with the College Board Corporation in New York. Dr. Ashley has presented nationally and abroad and has authored over 100 publications and presentations. He has generated over \$12,300,000 in grant funds and is active in many professional organizations. His numerous awards and honors include distinguished alumnus, distinguished teaching, teacher of the year, and citizen of the year.*



# SATURDAY, JUNE 30, 2018

1:45-3:00 p.m.

## ♦ Introduction to Graduate Writing

Writing in graduate school presents a number of opportunities and challenges. This session addresses 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 addresses 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 identifies typical writing problems that occur in students' writing and provides references to remedy the weaknesses.

## BUSINESS, EDUCATION, HUMANITIES, SOCIAL SCIENCES ~ *Collier Room*

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

- Dr. Vernetta Williams, Assistant Professor, Department of English, University of South Florida

## STEM ~ *Sarasota Room*

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

3:10-4:20 p.m. ~ *Grand Ballroom East*

## ♦ MDF Panel: The University Experience

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

- Dr. John Gibson, (Electrical Engineering, FIU): "*Hard Work Pays Off, so Quit Complaining*"

- Ms. Shamara Collins (2013, Electrical Engineering, USF): "*The First 18 Months of the Ph.D. Program*"

- Mr. Jorge Hernandez (2016, Criminology, FSU): "*Make Time for Things That Matter*"

- Ms. Dorianmarie Vargas (2013, Genetics, UF): "*Balancing Graduate School Workload with Personal and Family Commitments*"

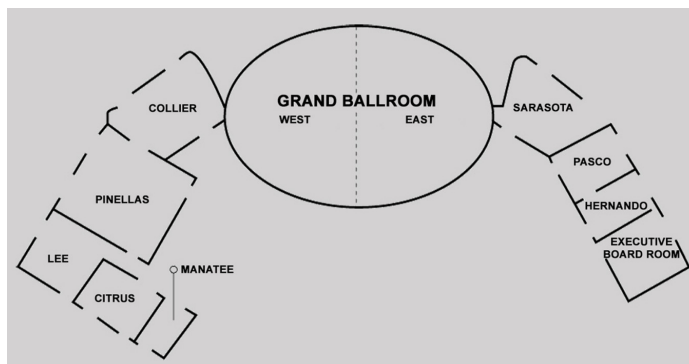
4:30-5:00 p.m. ~ *Grand Ballroom East*

## ♦ Closing Session

*Business Matters/Policies & Procedures*

*Meeting Adjournment*

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