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Lawrence Morehouse, Ph.D.
President and CEO
Convener

Friday, February 24, 2017

To assist you in finding meeting rooms, we include a map of the Tampa Airport Marriott on the inside cover page.

12:00 P.M. ~ Grand Ballroom Foyer

REGISTRATION

1:00 - 2:20 P.M. ~ Sarasota Room

SESSION 1

Writing the Prospectus and Dissertation

- **Dr. Marvin Dawkins**, Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Miami
- **Dr. Mohsen Milani**, Executive Director, USF World Center for Strategic and Diplomatic Studies and Professor, Department of Government and International Affairs, University of South Florida

2:30 - 3:45 P.M. ~ Sarasota Room

SESSION 2

How to Prepare for the Comprehensive Exam

- **Dr. Iraida Carrion**, Associate Professor, School of Social Work, University of South Florida
- **Dr. Sylvia Thomas**, Associate Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering, University of South Florida

3:55 - 5:25 P.M.

SESSION 3

Achieving Precision, Coherence, and Clarity in Academic Writing

Business, Education, Humanities, Social Sciences ~ Sarasota 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 ~ Collier Room

- **Dr. Sylvia Holladay**, Professor (Ret.), Department of English, Hillsborough Community College

6:30 - 8:30 P.M.

DINNER ~ Grand Ballroom West

Welcome and Occasion

- **Dr. Lawrence Morehouse**, President and CEO, FEF
- ##### MDF Online Writing Workshops
- **Lyra Logan, Esq.**, Executive Vice President & General Counsel, FEF

Student Presentations

- **Joshua Degraff**, FSU (2014), Industrial Engineering, "Sensing Subtle Body Movements with Carbon Nanotubes"
- **Caesar Hernandez**, UF (2014), Neuroscience, "Glutamate Dysregulation in Aged Rat Prefrontal Cortex May Contribute to Decline of Working Memory"

Saturday, February 25, 2017

8:00 A.M.

REGISTRATION ~ Grand Ballroom Foyer

BREAKFAST ~ Grand Ballroom Foyer

8:45 - 9:05 A.M.

OPENING SESSION ~ Grand Ballroom East

Introduction of Discussants

• **Dr. Lawrence Morehouse**, President and CEO, FEF

9:15 - 10:30 A.M. ~ Collier Room

PANEL 1 — Changing Narratives: Approaches From Archeology, History, Ethnomusicology and Literature

• **Candy Hurtado**, Panel Chair, FAU (2013), Anthropology, “*The Jergacumu: A Lost History, Migration and Memory Found in the Song and Dance of the Yauyos Mitmaquna of Peru*”

• **Justin Dunnivant**, UF (2010), Anthropology, “*Racial Passing and the Physics of Blackness*”

• **Marissa Molinar**, UF (2012), Anthropology, “*A Tale of Two Images: A Preliminary Comparison of Two Enigmatic Petroglyph Panels Separated by Time and Space in the Great Basin*”

• **Viviana Pezzullo**, FAU, Literature, “*The Haunted Houses and Other Horrors: The Influence of Balzac on Henry James’ The Ghostly Rental*”

Discussants (15 minutes)

- **Dr. Heide Castañeda**, Associate Professor and Graduate Director, Department of Anthropology, University of South Florida

- **Dr. Antoinette Jackson**, Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of South Florida

Audience – Q&A (10 Minutes)

9:15 - 10:30 A.M. ~ Sarasota Room

PANEL 2 — Risk Factors and Targeted Interventions for Drug Abuse, Colorectal Cancer and Diarrheal Disease

• **Dr. Abenaa Acheampong**, Panel Chair, UF, Public Health, “*One Step at a Time: A Latent Transitional Analysis on Changes in Substance Use, Exposure to Violence, and HIV/AIDS Risk Behaviors Among Female Offenders*”

• **Jacob Atem**, UF (2016), Public Health, “*A Systematic Review of the Risk Factors and Etiology of Diarrheal Disease in Refugee and Internally Displaced Person Settings*”

• **Verlin Joseph**, UF, Public Health, “*The Association of H. Pylori in Gastric and Colorectal Cancer*”

• **Sheldon Waugh**, UF (2014), Public Health, “*Using Statistical Approaches to Quantify the Effects of Ridesharing Accessibility on Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Arrests in a University City*”

Discussants (15 minutes)

- **Dr. Getachew Dagne**, Professor & Director, Department of Epidemiology & Biostatistics, University of South Florida

- **Dr. Cheryl Vamos**, Assistant Professor, Department of Community & Family Health, University of South Florida

- **Dr. Sheeba Varghese Gupta**, Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of South Florida

Audience – Q&A (10 Minutes)



MDF WRITING TIP

- Don't let perfectionism stop you from completing your projects. Just do the best you can.

9:15 - 10:30 A.M. ~ Pasco Room

PANEL 3 — Current Nursing Trends in the American Healthcare System

- **Dr. Debbie Devine, Panel Chair**, USF, Nursing
- **Lakeshia Cousin**, USF (2015), Nursing, “*State of the Science on Heart Rate Variability Among Breast Cancer Survivors Receiving Chemotherapy*”
- **Ubong James**, UM, Nursing, “*Predictors of Depression among Hispanic Adolescent Girls: A Systematic Review*”
- **Esther Mathurin**, UM, Nursing, “*Factors That Influence Health Behaviors in Haitian Americans: A Systematic Review*”
- **Ariel Smith**, UM (2016), Nursing, “*Emotional Numbing: A Concept Analysis*”

Discussants (15 minutes)

- **Dr. Diane Allen-Gipson**, Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of South Florida
- **Dr. Susan McMillan**, Distinguished Professor, College of Nursing, University of South Florida
- **Dr. Sandra Suther**, Professor, College of Pharmacy, Florida A&M University

Audience – Q&A (10 Minutes)

9:15 - 10:30 A.M. ~ Lee Room

PANEL 4 — Language and Rehabilitation in Communication Sciences and Disorders

- **Karen Bell, Panel Chair**, USF (2015), Communication Sciences and Disorders, “*The Benefit of Amplification for Listeners with Clinically Normal Audiograms*”
- **Lorraine Montegut**, USF (2011), Communication Sciences and Disorders, “*Holding Space: An Autoethnography of a Shamanic Practitioner in Training*”
- **Xigrid Soto**, USF (2014), Communication Sciences and Disorders, “*A Systematic Review of Phonological Awareness Interventions for Young Dual Language Learners*”

Discussant (15 minutes)

- **Dr. Kenyatta Rivers**, Associate Professor, Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, University of Central Florida

Audience – Q&A (10 Minutes)

9:15 - 10:30 A.M. ~ Citrus Room

PANEL 5 — A Glimpse at the Intelligent Robots of Tomorrow

- **Troi Williams, Panel Chair**, USF (2015), Computer Science, “*Using Neural Networks for Autonomous Obstacle Avoidance in Outdoor Environments*”
- **DeKita Moon**, UF, Computer Science, “*Controlling a Swarm of Drones Using Voice Commands*”
- **David Paulius**, USF, Computer Science, “*Learning a Functional Object-Oriented Network Using Object Similarity*”

Discussants (15 minutes)

- **Dr. Francisco Ortega**, Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science & Director, Open Human-Interface Devices Lab, Florida International University
- **Dr. Daphne Simmonds**, Assistant Professor, Computer Information Systems, Metropolitan State University

Audience – Q&A (10 Minutes)

9:15 - 10:30 A.M. ~ Hernando Room

PANEL 6 — Marketing and Consumer Behavior

- **Tessa Garcia-Collart, Panel Chair**, FIU (2015), Marketing, “*The Impact of In-Group Brand Crossover Into Out-group Product Categories on Consumer Social Identity*”
- **Erick Mas**, FIU, Marketing, “*SES & Product Preference: An Evolutionary Approach*”

Discussants (15 minutes)

- **Dr. Vivek Bhargava**, Associate Dean of Faculty and Administration, Lutgert College of Business, Florida Gulf Coast University
- **Dr. David Moore**, Professor, School of Business, Florida A&M University

Audience – Q&A (10 Minutes)



MDF WRITING TIP

- *Establish a clear thesis and discuss all points adequately and evenly.*

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PANEL 7 — Biological and Chemical Contaminants in Water

- **Krystal Pree, Panel Chair**, FAMU (2015), Environmental Toxicology, “*Understanding the Risk to Recreational Fishers and Harvesters in Lee County, Florida, from Exposure to Red Tides*”
- **Rocio Lalanda**, USF (2016), Geosciences, “*Understanding Land Stewardship From the Perspective of Rural Landholders and Land Trusts: A Case Study from the United States*”
- **Cassandra Newkirk**, UF (2013), Ecology, “*A New Model System for Studying the Causes of Coral Reef Bleaching*”
- **Rosario Vidales**, FIU (2016), Ecology, “*Finding the Important Variables of Change and Patterning in Coastal Mangrove Ecosystems of the Southeast Saline Everglades*”

Discussants (15 minutes)

- **Dr. Elijah Johnson**, Associate Professor, Environmental Equity & Justice Center, Florida A&M University
- **Dr. Candice Ulmer**, NRC Post-Doctoral Research Associate, Hollings Marine Laboratory, National Institute of Standards and Technology

Audience – Q&A (10 Minutes)

9:15 - 10:30 A.M. ~ Grand Ballroom East

PANEL 8 — Maintaining Important Ecosystems to Protect Our Natural Resources

- **Darline Lott, Panel Chair**, USF (2013), Geosciences
- **Claudia Cardona**, FIU (2015), Environmental Science & Engineering, “*Removal of U(VI) in the Alkaline Conditions Created by NH₃ Gas*”
- **Laura Rodriguez-Gonzalez**, USF (2016), Environmental Science & Engineering, “*Hybrid Adsorption and Biological Treatment Systems for Enhanced Nitrogen Removal in Onsite Wastewater Treatment*”
- **Chris Slater**, USF (2013), Civil Engineering, “*A New Model for Vertical Seepage in Karst Lake Environments*”

Discussants (15 minutes)

- **Dr. Fernando Gonzalez**, Assistant Professor, Department of Bioengineering, Florida Gulf Coast University
- **Dr. Felicia Powell**, Engineer, U.S. Department of Defense

Audience – Q&A (10 Minutes)

10:40 - 11:55 A.M. ~ Sarasota Room

PANEL 9 — The Impact of Public Policy on Public Health, Especially Relating to Access and Prevention

- **Edward Clark, Panel Chair**, FAMU (2016), Pharmacy, “*Gun Violence is a Public Health Issue*”
- **Tomia Austin**, FAMU (2016), Pharmacy, “*A Social Ecological Examination of Sickle Cell Trait Knowledge, Perceptions, and Beliefs Among Coaches, Trainers, Student-Athletes and Their Parents at a Florida HBCU*”
- **Atalie Ashley West**, UCF (2014), Public Administration, “*The Affordable Care Act and Community Health*”

Discussants (15 minutes)

- **Dr. Ernest Amankwah**, Assistant Professor, Department of Oncology, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine & Research Epidemiologist, Johns Hopkins All Children’s Hospital
- **Dr. Sandra Suther**, Professor, College of Pharmacy, Florida A&M University

Audience – Q&A (10 Minutes)

10:40 - 11:55 A.M. ~ Citrus Room

PANEL 10 — Research in Criminal Justice: Policing and Sentencing

- **Miltonette Craig, Panel Chair**, FSU (2013), Criminology, “*The Effect of Victim Impact Statements on Simulated Sentence Severity: An Assessment of the Evidence*”
- **Jordyn Rosario**, FSU (2016), Criminology, “*Police Notification of Physical Assault: A Multilevel Investigation of Victim and Incident Characteristics*”

Discussants (15 minutes)

- **Dr. Tony A. Barringer**, Associate Provost & Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, Florida Gulf Coast University
- **Dr. Marvin Dawkins**, Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Miami

Audience – Q&A (10 Minutes)

10:40 - 11:55 A.M. ~ Hernando Room

PANEL 11 — American Politics, Policy and Practice: Balancing Rights, Liberties and National Security

- **Torrian Pace, Panel Chair**, UF (2015), Political Science, “*The Presidency, Congress, and the Intelligence Community*”
- **Juliette Barbera**, UF, Political Science, “*Limits to Crime Policy Research: The Case for a Political Science Framework*”
- **Ernesto Ramirez**, UF, Political Science, “*Rights: Meaning and Implications*”

Discussant (15 minutes)

- **Dr. Bernd Reiter**, Associate Professor and Graduate Director, Department of Government & International Affairs, University of South Florida

Audience – Q&A (10 minutes)

10:40 - 11:55 A.M. ~ Pinellas Room

PANEL 12 — Fluid and Structural Dynamics in Mechanical Engineering

- **Raul Vidal, Panel Chair**, FAU (2014), Ocean Engineering
- **Florian Hache**, FAU, Mechanical Engineering, “*Comparison of Nonlocal Continualization Schemes for Lattice Beams and Plates*”
- **Amirkhosro Kazemi**, FAU, Mechanical Engineering, “*Fluid-Mangrove Interaction with Simplified Root Models*”
- **Camilo Roa**, FAU, Ocean Engineering, “*Three-Dimensional Inversion Technique in Ocean and Seabed Acoustics Using the Parabolic Equation Method*”

Discussants (15 minutes)

- **Dr. Fernando Gonzalez**, Assistant Professor, Department of Bioengineering, Florida Gulf Coast University
- **Dr. Felicia Powell**, Engineer, U.S. Department of Defense
- **Dr. Sylvia Thomas**, Associate Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering, University of South Florida

Audience – Q&A (10 minutes)



MDF TIPS

- Please note tips on writing for publication presented throughout the program book.

10:40 - 11:55 A.M. ~ Pasco Room

PANEL 13 — Effective Methods for Enhancing Student Performance: An Examination of Neural Networks, Metacognitive Self-Regulation and Risk Indicators

- **Clausell Mathis, Panel Chair**, FSU (2009), Education
- **Zachary Collier**, UF (2015), Education, “*Teaching Neural Networks to Estimate Propensity Scores*”
- **Jenay Sermon**, FSU (2016), Physical Education, “*Exploring the Impact of Metacognitive Self-Regulation Training for Low Performing Underrepresented College Students*”
- **Willie Mae White**, UF (2015), Education, “*The Impact of the Top Three At-Risk Indicators of African American Females in Florida Public High Schools*”

Discussants (15 minutes)

- **Dr. Sonja Montas-Hunter**, Assistant Vice-Provost, Office of Student Access & Success, Florida International University
- **Dr. Ann Shillingford-Butler**, Associate Professor of Counselor Education, University of Central Florida

Audience – Q&A (10 Minutes)

10:40 - 11:55 A.M. ~ Manatee Room

PANEL 14 — Contemporary Trends in Agricultural Education: An Examination of Extension Services for African American and Haitian Farmers

- **Courtney Owens, Panel Chair**, UF, Agricultural Education, “*A Qualitative Study of African American Farmers’ Lived Experiences with UF/IFAS Extension*”
- **Sky Georges**, UF, Agricultural Education, “*Supporting Extension Educators and Professionals to Diffuse Agricultural Technologies in Haiti*”

Discussant (15 minutes)

- **Dr. Sally Williams**, Associate Professor, Department of Animal Sciences, University of Florida

Audience – Q&A (10 Minutes)

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PANEL 15 — Recent Theoretical Advances in Modern Neuroscience

- **Lecia Brown, Panel Chair**, USF (2016), Neuroscience
- **Rashidah Farid**, UF (2014), Biological Science, “Age- and Gender- Specific Survival Rates of Gunnison’s Prairie Dog (*Cynomys gunnisoni*)”
- **Caesar Hernandez**, UF (2014), Neuroscience, “Glutamate Dysregulation in Aged Rat Prefrontal Cortex May Contribute to Decline of Working Memory”
- **Tamina Johnson**, USF (2016), Biological Science, “Effect of Denaturants and Salts on the Thermal Behavior of Elastin-Like Peptides”

Discussants (15 minutes)

- **Dr. Getachew Dagne**, Professor & Director, Department of Epidemiology & Biostatistics, University of South Florida
- **Dr. Umesh Jinwal**, Associate Professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of South Florida
- **Dr. Mark Kindy**, Biochemist/Neuroscientist and Professor/Associate Dean, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of South Florida, and Senior Research Career Scientist, Haley VA Medical Center

Audience – Q&A (10 Minutes)



MDF WRITING TIP

- When writing a journal article, shift gears from student to authority on your subject. Your literature review should contain essential resources, but it doesn't have to be exhaustive. Avoid too much repetition. You don't have to announce and summarize each point as in a dissertation. Include recent, relevant research; state your insights; and accept responsibility for your assertions.

10:40 - 11:55 A.M. ~ Grand Ballroom East

PANEL 16 — The Role of Pharmaceutical Science in Preventing and Treating Breast Cancer

- **Gladys Asong, Panel Chair**, FAMU (2013), Pharmaceutical Science, “Sigma-2 Receptor Ligands Induce Apoptosis and Inhibit Proliferation in MDA-MB-231 Breast Cancer Cell Line”
- **Elizabeth Henderson**, FAMU (2016), Chemistry, “Synthesis of N-Substituted [Benzoylamino]-3-Ethyl-1,2,3,6-Tetrahydropyridines as Potential Anti-Inflammatory and Anti-Cancer Agents”
- **Olufisayo Salako**, FAMU (2016), Pharmaceutical Science, “Targeting Polyisoprenylated Protein Function for Triple Negative Breast Cancer Therapy”

Discussants (15 minutes)

- **Dr. Diane Allen-Gipson**, Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of South Florida
- **Dr. Sheeba Varghese Gupta**, Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of South Florida

Audience – Q&A (10 Minutes)

10:40 - 11:55 A.M. ~ Lee Room

PANEL 17 — Kinesiology and Nutrition Sciences: An Examination of Cardiovascular Disease and Macronutrient Intake

- **Yvette Figueroa, Panel Chair**, UM (2016), Kinesiology, “The Relationship Between Calorie and Macronutrient Intakes and Strength and Power Across a Training Cycle in Collegiate Volleyball Players”
- **Ashley Carter**, FSU (2016), Nutrition Science, “Effects of Dairy Foods on Multiple Cardiovascular Disease Indicators in Community Dwelling Mid-Life and Older African American Women”

Discussant (15 minutes)

- **Dr. Sara Terrell**, Assistant Professor & Program Director, Department of Exercise Science, Florida Southern College

Audience – Q&A (10 Minutes)

12:00 - 1:50 P.M.

LUNCHEON

- **Heather Maranges**, FSU (2014), Psychology, “*Caffeine and Self-Control: Does Adenosine Play a Role in Ego Depletion?*”
- **Casandra Newkirk**, UF (2013), Ecology, “*A New Model System for Studying the Causes of Coral Reef Bleaching*”

2:00 - 3:15 P.M. ~ Sarasota Room

PANEL 18 — Changing Trends in Public Health: A Review of Stress and Coping Mechanisms, Preconception Care and Home Births

- **Shameka Thomas, Panel Chair**, UM (2015), Sociology, “*Home Birthing: An Analytical Review of Birthing Sites in the United States*”
- **Eartha Butler**, FAMU (2016), Public Health, “*Identification of the Normalization of Stressors Among Upperclassmen and Graduate Level African American College Students: Looking Through a Cultural Lens*”
- **Desiree Jonas**, FAMU (2016), Public Health, “*Preconception Care: Knowledge, Attitudes and Beliefs of African American Men and Women Ages 18-35 in Leon County*”

Discussants (15 minutes)

- **Dr. Ernest Amankwah**, Assistant Professor, Department of Oncology, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine & Research Epidemiologist, Johns Hopkins All Children’s Hospital
- **Dr. Getachew Dagne**, Professor & Director, Department of Epidemiology & Biostatistics, University of South Florida
- **Dr. Gwendolyn Quinn**, Senior Member and Scientific Director of the Survey Methods Core, Moffitt Cancer Center & Professor, Morsani College of Medicine and College of Public Health, University of South Florida
- **Dr. Sandra Suther**, Professor, College of Pharmacy, Florida A&M University

Audience – Q&A (10 Minutes)



MDF WRITING TIP

- *Writing is hard work, and routine practice is better than waiting for inspiration.*

2:00 - 3:15 P.M. ~ Lee Room

PANEL 19 — Telling Our Own Stories: Gullah, Cyborgs & Barber Shop Politics

- **Yolanda Franklin, Panel Chair**, FSU (2016), English, “*Blood Vinyls: Waxing Poetic Historiographies*”
- **Alex Brickler**, FSU, English, “*Soul in the Shell: Towards a Black Cyborg Aesthetic*”
- **Kenneth Johnson**, FSU (2016), English, “*Low-cut Caesar with a Shadow Fade: Black Hair Politics and The Canterbury Tales’ Function as Barbershop Space*”

Discussants (15 minutes)

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

Audience – Q&A (10 Minutes)

2:00 - 3:15 P.M. ~ Hernando Room

PANEL 20 — Issues in Global Governance and Political Participation

- **Camara Silver, Panel Chair**, USF (2015), Political Science, “*The U.S. Response to Haiti and Rwanda*”
- **Maria Gonzalez-Malabet**, USF, Political Science, “*Conceptualizing Democratic Participation From a Latin-American Indigenous Feminism Perspective*”
- **Dragana Mrvos**, USF, Political Science, “*Creation of Class Consciousness After Yugoslavia Fell Apart*”

Discussants (15 minutes)

- **Dr. Daniel DuBois**, Assistant Professor, Department of History, Saint Leo University
- **Dr. Bernd Reiter**, Associate Professor and Graduate Director, Department of Government & International Affairs, University of South Florida

Audience – Q&A (10 Minutes)

Saturday, February 25, 2017

2:00 - 3:15 P.M. ~ Pinellas Room

PANEL 21 — Frontiers in Research: Trends in Mechanical, Electrical and Industrial Engineering

- **Jonathan Torres, Panel Chair**, UCF (2016), Mechanical Engineering, “*A Framework for Miniaturized Mechanical Characterization of Tensile, Creep, and Fatigue Properties of SLM Alloys*”
- **Joshua Degraff**, FSU (2014), Industrial Engineering, “*Sensing Subtle Body Movements with Carbon Nanotubes*”
- **Victor Velez**, UCF (2015), Electrical Engineering, “*Size Effect Studies of Reflectance in Silicon Nanowires Grown by Electroless Etching*”

Discussants (15 minutes)

- **Dr. Fernando Gonzalez**, Associate Professor, Department of Bioengineering, Florida Gulf Coast University
- **Dr. Ali Gordon**, Associate Professor, Department of Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering, University of Central Florida

Audience – Q&A (10 Minutes)

2:00 - 3:15 P.M. ~ Collier Room

PANEL 22 — Bridging the Gap: Advanced Research in Chemical & Science Engineering

- **Christopher Alexander, Panel Chair**, UF (2016), Chemical Science & Engineering
- **Tarielle Jones**, UF, Materials Science and Engineering, “*Astrocytic Differentiation of Human Malignant Glioblastoma U87MG Cells Induced by Porous Poly(1,8-octanediol-co-citrate) Wafers Loaded with All-trans Retinoic Acid*”
- **Sheldon Lawrence**, UF, Biological Science, “*Identification of Redox Sensitive Proteins in Stomatal Innate Immune Signaling*”

Discussants (15 minutes)

- **Dr. Candice Ulmer**, NRC Post-Doctoral Research Associate, Hollings Marine Laboratory, National Institute of Standards and Technology
- **Dr. Sheeba Varghese Gupta**, Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of South Florida

Audience – Q&A (10 Minutes)

2:00 - 3:15 P.M. ~ Grand Ballroom East

PANEL 23 — Contemporary Issues in Psychology: An Examination of Ego Depletion, Hippocampal Development and Behavioral Processing

- **Larry Burrell, Panel Chair**, UF (2013), Psychology, “*Longitudinal Association of Perceived Peer Norms and Condom Use: A Moderation Analysis*”
- **Travis Jones**, UF (2013), Psychology, “*Subordinate-Level Training with Novel Objects Differentially Impacts Neural and Behavioral Processing*”
- **Heather Maranges**, FSU (2014), Psychology, “*Caffeine and Self-Control: Does Adenosine Play a Role in Ego Depletion?*”
- **Nwakaego Ukonu**, UF (2014), Psychology, “*Examining the Relationship Between Psychological Distress and Diabetes Prevalence Among U.S. Foreign-Born Blacks: A Retrospective Analysis of the 2010-2014 National Health Interview Survey*”
- **Vanessa Vieites**, FIU (2015), Psychology, “*Spatial Reorientation Ability May be Linked to Hippocampal Development in Young Children*”

Discussants (15 minutes)

- **Dr. Lisa Clifford**, Research Assistant Professor, Department of Clinical and Health Psychology, University of Florida
- **Dr. Duane Dede**, Clinical Professor, Department of Clinical and Health Psychology & Co-Director, Mild Traumatic Brain Injury Clinic, University of Florida
- **Ms. Allyson Diggins**, Graduate Assistant/Researcher, Department of Clinical and Health Psychology, University of Florida

Audience – Q&A (10 Minutes)

3:25 - 3:45 P.M. ~ Grand Ballroom East

CLOSING REMARKS

- **Lawrence Morehouse**, Ph.D., President & CEO, FEF
- **Charles Jackson**, M.P.A., MDF Program Manager, FEF

MDF WRITING TIP

- *Set a goal to write at least 15 minutes every day. It will generate material and improve your writing. Know that a successful writing session may consist of producing one true sentence. Keep unused material for possible later use.*