

# THE PH.D. EXPERIENCE: EXPECTATIONS & REALITIES

## Agenda

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

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## FRIDAY, AUGUST 5, 2022

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

### ♦ Registration

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

### ♦ Opening Session

*Welcome and Purpose:* - Dr. Lawrence Morehouse

*The MDF Profile: 2022-2023 Class Portraits:* - Mr. Charles Jackson, MDF Program Manager

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

### ♦ 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. Tony Barringer, Associate Provost & Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, Florida Gulf Coast University

- Dr. Claude Villiers, Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, Florida Gulf Coast University

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

### McKnight Reception

*Guest Speaker:* Iraida Carrion, Ph.D., LCSW, Associate Professor, School of Social Work, University of South Florida

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

*Closing Remarks:* Dr. Lawrence Morehouse

*Dr. Iraida Carrion, is an Associate Professor in the School of Social Work and affiliated faculty in the department of Anthropology at USF. Her research intersects end of life care, cancer and health decisions among Latinos in the United States and indigenous communities in Northeast India. She also conducts comparative research among older adults in Barcelona, Spain and Latinos in Central Florida. A Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Carrion has extensive clinical experience in psychiatric, medical and private practice in New York City, West Texas and Central Florida. She has written over 40 published peer-reviewed journal articles and four book chapters; has presented in numerous peer-reviewed conferences; and is on the editorial boards of Health and Social Work, American Journal of Hospice and Palliative Medicine and Journal of Research on Aging. Carrion is a member of a number of Social Work-related professional organizations and has been appointed to serve on two national committees of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW). Her awards include the NASW Tampa, Florida Chapter and the NASW Florida State Chapter Social Work Educator of the Year Awards, USF Diversity Award, USF Hispanic Pathway Award, Status of Latino Faculty Award, and the McKnight Junior Faculty Development Fellowship.*



# SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 2022

7:00-8:30 a.m.

♦ **Room Checkout**

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

♦ **Continental Breakfast**

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

♦ **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. Marvin Dawkins*, Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Miami

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

♦ **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. Adrienne Stephenson*, **Chair**, Assistant Dean and Director, Graduate Fellowships and Awards, Florida State University

- *Dr. Patricia Abril*, Associate Dean of the Graduate School, University of Miami

- *Dr. Ruth Bahr*, Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School, University of South Florida

- *Dr. Murielle Gammons*, Assistant Dean of the Graduate School, Director of the Office of Graduate Diversity Initiatives, University of Florida

- *Dr. Susan Webster*, Assistant Dean of the University Graduate School and Assistant Vice President for Research and Economic Development, Florida International University

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

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

- *Lonnie Bryant*, Ph.D., J.D., MBA, Professor, Sykes College of Business, University of Tampa

*Dr. Lonnie Bryant is Professor of Finance at The University of Tampa, where he serves as the Director of the Executive Doctor of Business Administration Program, which will begin in Fall 2022. Over the years, he has made over 20 professional presentations and published in the Journal of Financial Intermediation, Global Finance Journal, Journal of Finance and Accountancy, Journal of Gambling Business and Economics, Journal of Instructional Pedagogies and the i-manager Journal of Management. Dr. Bryant also has conducted valuation projects analyzing residential, mixed use, office, retail, vacant land, commercial and casino properties. His awards include UT 2021 Commencement Speaker, Florida Trend Top 10 MBA Professors, UT Louise Loy Hunter Outstanding Faculty Member, Sykes College of Business Researcher and Graduate Professor of the Year, Harrah's Research Center Real Estate Grant, Carter Real Estate Center Research Grant and the Tampa Chamber of Commerce Leadership Tampa Class of 2023. Prior to pursuing an academic career, Bryant worked with the Cap Gemini Ernst & Young consulting firm, Proctor and Gamble Corp., Kimberly-Clark Co., NASA-Johnson Space Center and the Tampa Electric Company. He has served on the Hillsborough County School Board Accounting and Finance Board of Directors, the Florida Head Start Policy Council, the Head Start Foundation and the Terrace Community Middle School Board of Directors.*



# SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 2022

1:45-3:00 p.m. ~ *Grand Ballroom West*

♦ **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.

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

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

♦ **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.

- *Mr. O'Juan Edwards* (2019, Higher Education Administration, FSU): "*Making the Best of Your Stress*"
- *Mr. Wilson Lozano* (2020, Computer Science, USF): "*The First 18 Months of Your Ph.D. Program*"
- *Ms. Valeria Rigobon* (2018, Psychology, FSU): "*The Class Selection Process: Lessons Learned, Pitfalls to Avoid*"
- *Ms. LaRaven Temoney* (2018, Political Science, UF): "*The Importance of Mentoring*"

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

♦ **Closing Session**

*Business Matters/Policies & Procedures*

*Meeting Adjournment*

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