

KUDOS

Noun: Acclaim or praise for exceptional achievement

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SUCCESSFUL DISSERTATION DEFENSE – Summer 2015

Janea McDonald	HCD Ph.D.	<i>The Relationship between University Employees' Work Engagement and the Perception of their Influence on Student Integration and Retention</i>
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PROMOTIONS/NEW POSITIONS

- ★ **Charles Childress**, current HCD PhD student, was elected to the University of Southern Mississippi Staff Council. He was also elected to serve as President Elect of Staff Council, July 2015.
- ★ **Dr. Steven Miller**, alumnus of the HCD PhD program, was named Vice President for the University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Park Campus, May 2015.

PUBLICATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

- ★ **Dr. Holly Burkett**, alumnus of the HCD PhD program, presented *Making your data count: Using evidence-based measures to get grants and leverage resources* at the Grant Professionals Association in Louisville, KY, May 2015. Dr. Burkett also presented, *A maturity model for building evaluation capacity* at the Performance Improvement Conference in San Antonio, TX, April 2015. Lastly, Dr. Burkett co-facilitated the Certified Performance Technologists networking session at the Performance Improvement Conference in San Antonio, TX.
- ★ **Dr. Mamie Griffin**, alumnus of the HCD PhD program, co-presented *Using kiva.org to teach students critical employability skills*, at the 14th Annual Information Technology Based Higher Education and Training (ITHET) Conference in Caparica, Portugal, June 2015. The full paper has been accepted for conference proceedings volume publication and will appear in the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Explorer database.
- ★ **Dr. John Kmiec**, alumnus of the HCD PhD program, presented *Professional leadership development programs* for The Magnolia Business Alliance and Stennis Space Center in Diamondhead, MS and John C. Stennis Space Center, MS, June 2015.
- ★ **Dr. Tammy Means**, alumnus of the HCD PhD program, presented *A study identifying information technology development strategies for nursing professional development specialists practicing in healthcare settings* at the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) Nursing Informatics Symposium in Chicago, IL, April 2015.
- ★ **Maria Salter**, alumnus of the HCD MS Program, facilitated a webinar on "Bridging the Generation Gap" to the Magnolia Business Group, June 2015.



AWARDS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ★ **Dr. Jim Black**, alumnus of the HCD PhD program, was presented with the prestigious Dissertation Award at the Association for Talent Development (ATD) 2015 International Conference and Exposition in Orlando, FL, May 2015. His dissertation is titled *Online communities of practice in the contact center environment: Factors that influence participation*.
- ★ **Dr. Patti Phillips**, HCD Adjunct Professor, was honored as the 2015 Certified Professional in Learning and Performance (CPLP) Fellow, a distinction that recognizes her contributions to the professionalization of the talent development field. She was recognized at the Association for Talent Development (ATD) 2015 International Conference and Exposition in Orlando, FL, May 2015.
- ★ **Dr. Dwuena Wyre**, alumnus of the HCD PhD program, participated in the 2015 South Africa Study Tour led by Dr. Mary Howard-Hamilton of Indiana State University (ISU). Dwuena along with ISU faculty, staff, and students were hosted by the University of Pretoria. The purpose of the study tour was to explore higher education best practices.

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Please contact Suzy Robinson at 228-214-3517 for more details.

Association for Talent Development
Orlando, FL May 17-20, 2015



Human Capital Analytics Class
Long Beach, MS July 9-11, 2015

