



Southern Regional Education Board

SREB-State Doctoral Scholars Program

News & Notes - Fall 2007

Now in our 15th year...731 scholars served...361 program graduates...13 Annual Institutes on Teaching and Mentoring

DIRECTOR'S CHAIR

Greetings, scholars, friends and the incoming class for 2007!

The SREB-State Doctoral Scholars Program continues to reach new and impressive milestones. At this summer's SREB annual Board meeting, we honored our 350th Ph.D. graduate, Dr. Khiela Holmes, who earned a doctorate degree in Clinical Psychology from the University of Alabama. Dr. Holmes attended University of Alabama. She attended the meeting and spoke to a number of key legislators and Board members from all 16 SREB states. Board members from all 16 SREB states. She also addressed the entire gathering and spoke about the importance of the Doctoral Scholars Program.

We have begun to make 2007 awards and are confident that we will have one of our largest incoming classes. A few key reminders for those of you who are continuing to be supported by the program:



Dr. Khiela Holmes, SREB's 350th graduate, at the SREB 2007 annual meeting

- **Submit grades in a timely manner** – We need all scholars who currently receive a stipend to submit their grades to Robbie Ouzts in a timely manner.
- **Update your records** – It is critical that we have current contact information on all scholars in order to fulfill our commitment and obligation to scholars. Any change of status (name, academic, financial, etc.) should be reported to the program office.
- **Update your Scholar Directory listing** – To facilitate employment prospects and research opportunities, it is very important that this listing contain current contact information and uploaded current curriculum vitae. Everyone, including new and advanced scholars, should have their vitae listed.
- **Professional development opportunity** – Support is available for professional development activities. See our Web site for details.

Don't forget: The 14th annual Compact for Faculty Diversity Institute on Teaching and Mentoring is October 25-28, 2007, in Arlington, Virginia. Your registration information is in this packet, so make plans now to attend.

On another note, we have an exciting staff announcement to make: Robbie Ouzts, who has been our Scholar Coordinator for four years, has been promoted to the Assistant Director for the SREB-State Doctoral Scholars Program. Please join me in congratulating her on her new position.

I hope everyone had a fun and productive summer and is ready for the fall semester.

Ansley A. Abraham

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Important Things to Remember for Current Scholars

SCHOLAR RESPONSIBILITIES

- ✓ You **MUST** advise SREB if you are not a full-time student/taking less than nine hours/units. This includes audits/independent study or anything that is not a regular class. You **MUST** advise SREB if you are taking or teaching a course over the Web.
- ✓ Maintain full-time enrollment for **ALL** semesters while being actively funded.
- ✓ You **MUST** report any additional funds received while receiving program support, including scholarships, fellowships, assistantships, grants or other monies, regardless of when you receive the monies.
- ✓ Update and keep your online Scholar Directory listing current.
- ✓ Notify the Doctoral Scholars Program immediately regarding any change in contact information, enrollment, employment or academic status.
- ✓ Send in a grade report or dissertation progress report each semester.
- ✓ You **MUST NOT** be employed under any circumstances outside the department, either part time or full time. Your employment in the department must be reported and approved.
- ✓ Attend the Annual Institute on Teaching and Mentoring each fall.
- ✓ Get your Ph.D. and join the professoriate!

Don't forget to visit the Scholar Zone to access the Scholar Directory, the Scholar Support Discussion Board and other great things to help you on your journey!

www.sreb.org

Go directly to information for current scholars by clicking on the link below



IMPORTANT UPDATES

****New Doctoral Scholar Application Process****

The 2007-2008 SREB-State Doctoral Scholars Program application process took on a new look this year. In the past, we asked each student to print off the graduate school application and submit to SREB as our application. However, this year scholars had to download the SREB-State Doctoral Scholars application and submit it along with the other items.

****Grades and Dissertation Updates****

This is just a reminder that grades are due each term. In the last newsletter we advised all scholars that only two e-mail requests for grades and dissertation would be sent before stipends were held.

- ✓ Grades may be e-mailed each term.
- ✓ Grades should include your term GPA and overall GPA.
- ✓ If you take research hours or dissertation hours that are pass/fail, you must send a narrative.
- ✓ Dissertation narratives should be submitted if you are not enrolled in regular classes. The dissertation narrative should include 2-3 paragraphs outlining your progress this term and plans for the next term or summer. Also, advise if you have had any hardships or breakthroughs, presentations, etc., that are noteworthy. Please include your anticipated final defense date in these narratives.

Remember: When you defend your dissertation and the committee signs off on any changes, we consider you an SREB graduate. We understand that sometimes the committee will sign off even though there are changes to be made. If you get the signatures, we consider you a completer. Please contact SREB as soon as you defend or have a scheduled date. This is very important because we have a calendar that includes your specific defense date and time so we can track your progress. It is very exciting for us to see the calendar covered with defense dates.

Please remember to update your curriculum vitae in the Scholar Directory.

SENDING THIS INFORMATION IS A REQUIREMENT FOR CONTINUATION OF SUPPORT.

E-MAIL YOUR INFORMATION TO:

Robbie Ouzts, Assistant Director
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Call us toll-free if you have questions!

1-877-SREB-PHD

1-877-773-2743

SUMMER GRADES ARE DUE NOW!!!

SCHOLAR NEWS & NOTES

We are looking for employment announcements, grant awards, community service awards, faculty accomplishments, travel abroad, special research, appointments to boards or commissions, etc. We are happy to try to publish photographs if they are submitted.

SREB Staff Meet With Doctoral Scholars and Their Mentors in the State of Arkansas



In late April 2007, Arkansas State University-Fayetteville hosted a luncheon in honor of the State of Arkansas SREB-Doctoral Scholars. This luncheon included the scholars' mentors and the Doctoral Scholars Program staff.

GOOD NEWS!

- 📖 Congratulations to Dr. D'Andra Orey, who has achieved tenure at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in the Department of Political Science. Way to go, Dr. Orey!
- 📖 Dr. Stephanie Manley-Rook has been named Dean of Arts and Sciences at Pitt Community College. Congratulations, Dr. Manley-Rook, on your promotion!
- 📖 Congratulations to Dr. Katherine Perez-Rivera, who opened up a private practice, South Jersey Center for Psychological Services, LLC. We wish you success in all that you do.
- 📖 We are pleased to inform you that Dr. Wanda Hunter has recently been named Best Professor of the Year by the University of Alabama Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). Please join us in congratulating Wanda on her success.
- 📖 Congratulations to Dr. Shanta Harrison on the release of her book *Black Woman in the Ivory Tower, 1850-1954: An Intellectual History*. Congratulations, Dr. Harrison.
- 📖 Congratulations to Mrs. Tiffany Cummings-Aholou, who received the UGA-NAACP "Outstanding Social Justice Research Award" (awarded to the student involved in research that advances the ideals of social justice, racial diversity or equity with the potential to impact public policy). Tiffany is doing research on premarital counseling in Black Churches and HIV-Aids.
- 📖 Mark Maynor was one of only two recipients to receive a dissertation award in the amount of \$2500, based on his dissertation work and doctoral studies at the University of South Carolina. Congratulations, Mark!!!
- 📖 Congratulations to Dr. Samuel Jones on the release of his new book *Just What the Ph.D. Ordered*, which received a very good review from a local book reviewer and was highly recommended to students who desire to earn a doctorate.

Spotlight on an SREB Graduate: Professor George Ogendi Documents Struggle for Water in Kenyan Homeland

Recently, Arkansas State University graduate George Ogendi traveled to Kenya to film a documentary to show the world the dire situation affecting families in Kenya and their struggle to find water.

The main goal of the trip was to see firsthand the need for water in developing countries and the families' challenge to get this essential resource. The group also attended the World Social Forum in Nairobi, Kenya. The forum brought together leaders from developing countries around the world who wanted to emphasize the need for water resources in their countries. According to the World Health Organization, there are 2.5 billion people who have inadequate access to sanitation, and 1 billion people who lack access to clean drinking water. Every eight seconds, a child dies from waterborne diseases in developing countries.

"Worldwide, it is the women who bear the responsibility to collect the water and make it available for domestic use," Ogendi said. He said one of the main things the project sought to document was the role women play in providing water for the household.

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SREB to Host the Largest Institute Ever!

The 14th Annual Institute on Teaching and Mentoring

October 25 - 28, 2007, in Arlington, Virginia

THE INSTITUTE AT A GLANCE...

1,100 participants expected

70 different sessions

45 institutions recruiting

Four days of unlimited opportunities
for learning and networking!

Registration opens August 1st



It is already time to start thinking about the next Compact for Faculty Diversity Annual Institute on Teaching and Mentoring. The Compact is a combination of two interstate compacts – the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) and the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE). Last year's Institute in Miami, Florida, was the largest and most successful yet. There were faculty, scholars, guests, state representatives and leaders from almost every state on hand for the four-day event.

The Institute welcomes participants from all over the United States and each region of the compact as well as special groups. Some of the groups in attendance this year will include: Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate (AGEP), Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Minority Ph.D. Program, Gates Millennium Scholars Program, the BRIDGES to the Professoriate Program (NIH), the National Science Foundation Postdoctoral Scholars Program (NSF) and the Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program.

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IF YOU ARE NOT SURE IF
YOU ARE REQUIRED TO
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