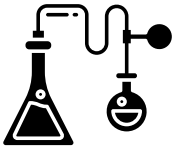


FACULTY & COLLEGE SHOWCASE

The Division of Academic Affairs has outstanding faculty with excellence in teaching, research, and service. We are proud to recognize those individuals/colleges who have demonstrated unwavering excellence by advancing scholarship through presentations, publications, service and much more.



College of Arts & Sciences

Excellence in Black Dance: Our Ancestors' Wildest Dreams



On February 23 and 24, the Dionne Warwick Theatre hosted the performance "Excellence in Black Dance: Our Ancestors' Wildest Dreams." Dr. Truly Davis led the pre-professional dance company from the Department of Fine and Performing Arts, which performed alongside guest performances from Potomac High School and Suitland High School.

London Study Abroad

As part of President Breaux's initiative, Dr. George Acquah, Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, will lead a team comprising three faculty members and 20 students to London as an alternative spring break activity from March 16 to 24. The team will include Drs. David Kaloustian and Shenese Thompson of Language, Literature & Cultural Studies and Professor Melchishua Williams, Chair of the Department of Fine & Performing Arts.

GREETINGS!

Once again, we're back and thrilled to showcase the significant strides made by the BSU academic community.

On behalf of the Division of Academic Affairs, we value your continued dedication to excellence. Our esteemed faculty and staff members, with their significant contributions to their respective fields, drive our academic community's innovation. This newsletter highlights noteworthy achievements that contribute to advancing knowledge and scholarship. Together, we will continue to inspire innovation and positively impact our community!

As your colleges, departments, and units reach academic milestones, publications, presentations, grant awards, and more, we eagerly await your contributions to our next issue.

To be featured in the next issue, submit all drafted content by **March 26** to academicaffairshappens@bowiestate.edu.

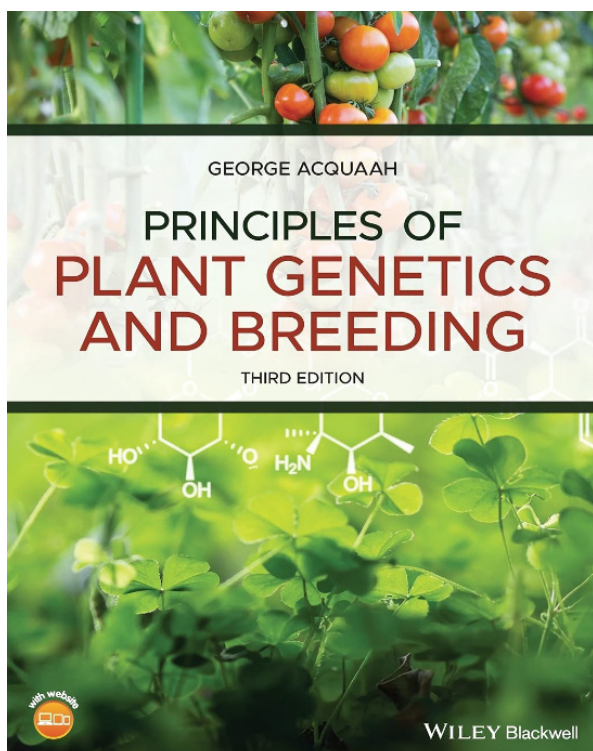
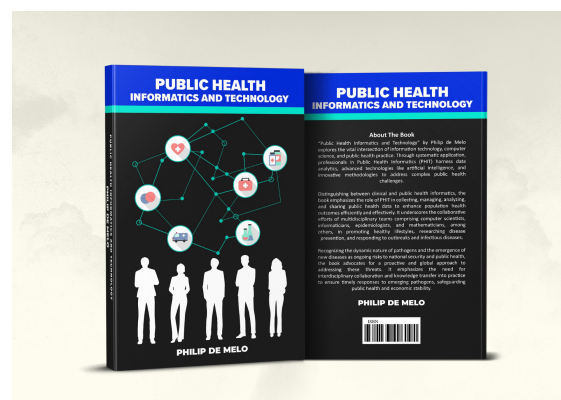
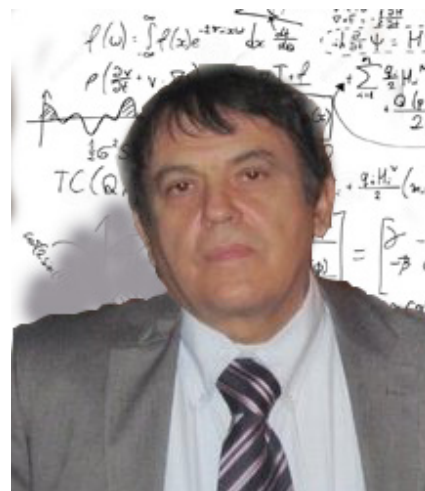
Until next time, warm wishes,

Academic Affairs Happens

Your comments and feedback are welcome and encouraged at academicaffairshappens@bowiestate.edu

Bridging the Gap: Using Technology to Tackle Complex Public Health Challenges

Dr. Philip de Melo is one of the leading data scientists. Since 2012, his research and teaching have been focused on digital health, including public health informatics and technology (PHIT). His recent book (2024), "Public Health Informatics and Technology," addresses advanced approaches to collecting, managing, analyzing, and sharing public health and healthcare data. The book is based on his lectures at Columbia University, Bowie State University, and the London School of Economics (summer 2023). The book describes PHIT as a fascinating field that harnesses advanced technologies like machine learning, artificial intelligence, web services for data exchange, and big data analytics to address complex public health challenges. Besides the fundamentals of PHIT, the book contains hands-on exercises based on Python programming. Dr. de Melo served as the PI of the international project on informatics of poverty-related diseases (2015-2020) and the PI of the PHIT workforce development project sponsored by the Office of the National Coordinator (2021-2023).



Returning to the World Gene Convention

Dr. George Acquaah, Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, has recently accepted an invitation to participate in the 13th WGC - World Gene Convention held in Nagoya, Japan. WGC is an international event focusing on biotechnology and life sciences, providing a platform for all experts to discuss latest researches and achievements.

This marks the second time Dr. Acquaah has been invited to participate in this prestigious event. His expertise in the field of plant genetics and breeding is unparalleled, as demonstrated by the fact that his book Principles of Plant Genetics and Breeding is the most cited in the field, according to Google.



Presentation at French and Francophone Studies Conference

Dr. Latifa Zoulagh (pictured in the middle) from the Department of Language, Literature, and Cultural Studies presented her paper titled "Voix et voix féminines: le corps comme médiateur de ressourcement" at the 20th and 21st French and Francophone Studies conference hosted by Villanova University in Philadelphia. This conference explores the theme of independence in French and Francophone literature, cultures, cinema, bande dessinée, theater, music, history, theory, and translation studies from various theoretical and methodological perspectives.

Dr. Zoulagh was recently elected as the regional representative of the Women in French (WIF) South Central Modern Language Association (SCMLA).

Encouraging and Promoting Double/Triple Major with Minor Programs

Dr. Benjamin Arah, Chair of the Department of History and Government, recently attended the annual American Political Science Association's Pi Sigma Alpha National Student Research Conference held at George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Arah chaired two sessions at the conference titled *Global Political Economy* and *Protests, Activism, and Politics*. The former had four students and a discussant, while the latter had three student panelists and a discussant. He observed that most undergraduate presenters and panelists were students from predominately white institutions (PWIs) pursuing dual majors with minors in other disciplines.

He noted, "Our students will graduate and eventually compete with such students with double majors from white institutions. As a College, it is important for us to consider whether our students pursuing only one major could be viewed as a form of "compartmentalized education" in an era of interdisciplinarity and knowledge-driven diversified global economy and job market. How can our students, with only one major, gain sufficient competencies to compete successfully and become comparatively more marketable with the potential to add the necessary value to their companies?"

Share your accomplishments with us!

Send information on your recent presentations, awards, grants, acknowledgments and other accomplishments to academicaffairshappens@bowiestate.edu.



College of Education

BSU Makes a Mark at the 2024 NASP and TSP Conferences in New Orleans

During the week of February 12-February 18, 2024, the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) and the Trainers of School Psychologists (TSP) hosted their annual conferences in New Orleans, Louisiana. Along with the faculty, several students and school psychology alumni attended the conferences where some presented while others supported their BSU family during their sessions. Drs. Scott, West, and Daniel were grateful to connect and catch up with many school psychology alumni.

Conference Presenters:

Dajonaire Washington, Samantha Hunt, and Jessica Robinson- NASP Poster
Morgan Pennick-TSP Poster
Genevieve Yaeger,- NASP Session
Dr. Mawule Sevon- 2 (two) NASP sessions
Drs. Scott, West & Daniel-TSP Poster



In photo above, the BSU family gathered outside in the lobby of the Marriott Hotel on Canal Street for a meet and greet, and take pictures before going out to dinner. From left to right is Dr. Jennifer West, DaJonaire Washington, Cambria Miles, Shaiyan Palmore, Morgan Pennick, Akira Ali, Jessica Robinson, Samantha Hunt, Imani Harvey, Dr. Kimberly Daniel, Kolleen Barclay, Quaneesha Bey, Dr. Erika Wood (President, Maryland School Psychologists' Association), Genivieve Yaegar, Brittany Wilkerson, Sherika Heath Mullens, Shemiyah Holland, Dr. Mawule Sevon, and Dr. Darla Scott.



Pictured to the left are Drs. Jennifer West (left end), Kimberly Daniel (middle) and Darla Scott (right end) visit (from left to right) DaJonaire Washington, Samantha Hunt, and Jessica Robinson during the presentation of their poster at NASP.

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Thurgood Marshall Library

Meet the New Members of the Thurgood Marshall Library



Kenitra Childress



Linda Orajekwe



Shamica Terry

Thurgood Marshall Library is excited to announce that their team has grown by three! Shamica Terry in Special Collections and Archives, Linda Orajekwe in the Library Administrative Office, and Kenitra Childress in the Circulation Department. As the Library continues to expand, the team looks forward to providing the campus with more resources, programs, and special projects.

Come meet the new members of the team and see you in the Library!

Need a Quiet Place to Study? No Worries, the Graduate Study Lounge is Here!

Visit the Thurgood Marshall Library



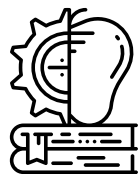
STUDY LOUNGE

Room 1185 of Thurgood Marshall Library

Looking for a quiet place to study? Need somewhere to complete a group project? Our study lounge is open strictly for graduate students!

Want to reserve the room for a group project? Email us at GRC@bowiestate.edu!





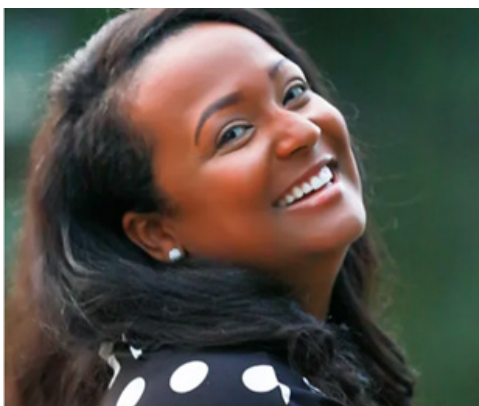
Multidisciplinary Collaboration

Balancing Academia and Parenthood: Panel Discussion on Strategies for College Professors with Young Children

In the ever-evolving realm of higher education, college professors face the unique challenge of juggling academic duties with the responsibilities of family life, particularly when young children are involved. To address this challenge, a multi-disciplinary team of Bowie State University faculty members presented at the Teaching through the Whirlwind: Strategies for Navigating it All Teaching & Learning Conference on February 16th. Drs Tyesha Burks, Melissa Duchene-Kelly, Sadé Dunn, Kim Evelyn, Devyn Gillette, & Ashley Griffin Gilchrist discussed balancing teaching, research, service, and family life and shared practical insights, strategies, and tools. Topics covered included time management techniques for efficiently dividing attention between academic responsibilities and family time, building support networks within and outside the academic community, the role of technology in supporting both efficiency and balance, the significance of self-care and well-being, and the need for setting realistic expectations to avoid burnout and achieve attainable goals—both professionally and personally.



Dr. Tyesha Burks



Dr. Sadé Dunn



Dr. Melissa Duchene-Kelly



Dr. Kim Evelyn



Dr. Devyn Gillette



Dr. Ashley Griffin Gilchrist

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Double Victory: BSU Entrepreneurs Dominate HBCU Competitions



Entrepreneurship continues to SOAR at Bowie State University with two Entrepreneurship innovation Center Students winning Competitions! On the far left, BSU Student Entrepreneur Arianna Elizabeth Redmond, Founder of Tonys Kitchen and Bakery, won 1st place in the HBCU Universe Summit on February 24. Also featured with Arianna is EIC's Entrepreneur in Residence and BSU Adjunct Faculty Tyrome E. Smith. On the far right, Lauren Christian Kelly, Founder of Trillest Doll House wins \$5000 for the 2024 HBCU Hustle Hard Competition Sponsored by the Washington Wizards!



Entrepreneurship Innovation Team Empowers Young Entrepreneurs at Potomac High School

On February 8 in an inspiring showcase of entrepreneurial spirit, the Entrepreneurship Innovation Team played a pivotal role in judging 13 student startups during the high-energy pitch competition as part of The 3DE Business Marketing Program at Potomac High School. This dynamic event provided a platform for budding high school entrepreneurs to present their innovative ventures, encompassing a diverse array of products and services, ranging from cutting-edge mobile applications in the field of EDTECH to the production of hair growth products, confectionery products, and graphic designs with more than 40 students passionately exhibited their products, supported by tangible examples.



UNIT ACHIEVEMENTS & UPDATES

Student Success Center Tutoring Initiative



Join us in celebrating the accomplishments of the Student Success Center Tutoring Initiative, headed by Mrs. Ebone Johnson. The SSC was invited to showcase their innovative work at the EAB Connected 24 Conference in Denver, Colorado January 21st- 23rd . During the Sunday evening reception, the SSC poster offered a glimpse into our formalized tutoring workflow.

The SSC's coordinated efforts have increased campus-wide buy-in, providing a template for other offices to leverage Starfish. At the conference, Bowie State University's Tutoring Program served as a model for other partner institutions to learn from. Please check out this digital copy that was displayed at the conference.

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Innovate and Educate: Leveraging Embedded Tutors for Student Success

Join us for an interactive faculty development workshop, "Innovate and Educate: Leveraging Embedded Tutors for Student Success," hosted by the Student Success Center on June 5, 2023. This transformative session will explore effective strategies for utilizing Embedded Tutors & Supplemental Instruction Leaders, emphasizing collaboration with faculty. Led by esteemed facilitators, including guest Dr. Sandra McGuire, we'll delve into strategic connections to university goals, data analysis, and innovative approaches to student success. Selected participants will receive a \$1000 stipend, with 25% issued after the full-day workshop in June 2024 and the remaining 75% after the half-day workshop and assessment submission in Fall 2024. Don't miss this chance to enhance your teaching methods and contribute to student success! Apply here:

<https://forms.microsoft.com/r/VjjSjRVSeW>

Spring 2024 Career Fair April, 2024, 1 -4 pm



Center for Academic Programs Assessment Personnel Update - Congratulations, Ms. Harbinson!



The Center for Academic Programs Assessment wants to extend our best wishes to Ms. Lynn Harbinson, General Education

Assessment Coordinator, as she retires on April 1st and begins the next chapter of her life in Portugal. Ms. Harbinson has worked at Bowie State University since 2015, and prior to that, she worked at the University System of Maryland with various K-12 and higher education grants. She has been instrumental in establishing a strong foundation for general education core competencies assessment, organizing faculty and staff professional development involving a variety of assessment topics, and supporting regional and specialized accreditation efforts at the university. Ms. Harbinson can be contacted after she retires via email at lynnharb@hotmail.com

Thank you for being a valued member of our assessment team and congratulations on your retirement!

The Great Colleges to Work For Survey is Still Open!

An invitation to take this survey was distributed to a random selection of faculty and staff on March 4 with the subject line "Great Colleges to Work For 2024 Faculty/Staff Survey."

Thank you to those who were selected and have already completed the survey! We appreciate you taking the time to share your views and opinions.

If you have not yet completed it yet, please take a moment to share your valuable feedback. The survey is completely voluntary, and the institution will not be able to identify the results of individuals. Our institution is participating in this study to help us to learn from the feedback and make improvements for our future and gather benchmarking data within the higher education arena.

We highly encourage everyone's participation! A high response rate helps ensure an accurate representation of our community. The deadline to complete the survey is March 29. Please encourage your colleagues to participate if they have received the invitation. If you have any questions, please contact the campus survey liaison, Shama Akhtar (sakhtar@bowiestate.edu) or visit www.GreatCollegesProgram.com.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

The Division of Academic Affairs fosters an academic environment which prioritizes student learning and success.

BSU Students Shine in 'Making Equity Real' Art Exhibition



Four BSU student artists (Amora General, Geoffrey Love, Keonna Thomas, Rene Stewart) and one recent alumnus (Samuel Sharpe) participated in a visual art exhibition with five Howard University art and interior design students at the Department of Labor on February 28, 2024. DFPA Associate Professor Art Vidrine served as the Faculty Sponsor Volunteer supporting BSU student visual artists. The exhibition coincided with a panel discussion among leaders in the arts entitled "Making Equity Real: Creating Career Pathways and Good Jobs in the Arts." Acting Secretary of Labor Julie Su moderated the panel, and National Endowment for the Arts Chair Maria Rosario Jackson provided opening remarks. Preceding the panel was a dance performance by BSU Theatre Arts sophomore Tantias Miller. BSU and Howard University artists, performers, and faculty sponsors were invited to meet briefly with Secretary Su in her office conference room before the panel discussion.



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Dr. Karen Cook Bell Awarded Inaugural ACLS HBCU Faculty Fellowship

Fellowships Offer Support for Outstanding Research in the Humanities and Interpretive Social Sciences to Faculty at Historically Black Colleges and Universities



Bowie State University is proud to announce that Dr. Karen Cook Bell has been awarded a 2024 ACLS HBCU Faculty Fellowship from the American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS). The ACLS HBCU Faculty Fellowship and Grant Program provides flexible support that attends to the research, teaching, and service commitments at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). This year, the program will support 20 HBCU faculty scholars pursuing exceptional research projects in the humanities and interpretive social sciences.

Selected from a pool of more than 150 applications, Dr. Cook Bell has been recognized as one of eight fellows who will receive up to \$50,000 each supporting long-term engagement with a significant research project. All awardees will also have access to networking and scholarly programming that aligns with their academic goals and institutional contexts. Each award includes an additional grant of \$2,500 to the awardee's home institution to support humanities programming or infrastructure.

Cook Bell's research is a history that interrogates the silences in the archive on Black women and Vesey's conspiracy.

"We are thrilled to award these outstanding scholars the inaugural ACLS HBCU Faculty Fellowships and Grants," said ACLS President Joy Connolly. "Historically Black Colleges and Universities are a vital part of American higher education, with a long history of rich contributions to public knowledge and our nation's social and political health. ACLS celebrates the commitment and brilliance of these awardees and applauds their institutions for fostering excellence in the humanities and interpretive social sciences."

ACLS developed the HBCU Faculty Fellowship and Grant Program collaboratively with HBCU faculty and academic leaders through a series of on-campus workshops and discussions and virtual focus groups.

Learn more about the ACLS HBCU Faculty Fellowship and Grant Program and sign up to stay updated about the program.

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Zero Consumers vs. Limited Sovereignty: A Paradox in Consumer-Centric



Professor Acikdilli from the College of Business presented her research "The Zero Consumer or the End of Consumer Sovereignty?" with a co-author, Professor Ziemnowicz from the University of North Carolina at Pembroke, at the 53rd Annual Meeting of Southeast Decision Sciences Institute (SEDSI). The presentation discussed how Consumer-focused enterprises confront many challenges, especially in dealing with consumer sovereignty.

In addition to the problems of competition, technology, and dynamic economic environments, new difficulties include rapidly shifting consumer tendencies. One example is the zero-consumer concept. However, there are increasing forces that limit consumer power. This exploratory analysis examines the forces behind the zero consumers while, simultaneously, the concentrated power of companies and marketing techniques reduces consumer sovereignty. This analysis asks if we are encountering the end of consumer sovereignty, even with the rise of the zero consumer.

Huron Consulting Group Assessment of Research Administration Infrastructure Project



BSU has achieved impressive growth results in its externally funded sponsored research funding, reaching approximately \$20 million dollars. However, this also brings regulatory complexities and challenges in managing a research portfolio of this size. BSU wants to evaluate the institution's research administration operations, including the Office of Research and Sponsored Projects (ORSP), Office of Economic Development, Philanthropic Engagement, and compliance activities to determine if the operations are adequately aligned to enable effective management of sponsored award activity, mitigate risk, and position BSU for continued growth. The University seeks to enhance its service to principal investigators, reduce administrative burden, and develop a plan for a scalable and sustainable model for research administration.

SU is conducting an internal review to identify opportunities to improve research administration operations and compliance. To help us with this effort, BSU is partnering with Huron Consulting Group to assess BSU's research administration infrastructure. The Huron team will conduct interviews through March with various stakeholders involved in research. For those of you who are asked to meet with Huron, please do your best to provide them with the information they need. During these interviews, Huron will want to learn how we currently operate and get your suggestions for improvements. All information gathered by Huron during these meetings will be held confidential, with summary feedback and findings shared with leadership.

If you have any questions, please contact Gayle Fink, Assistant Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness, gfink@bowiestate.edu. Ms. Fink is coordinating the project.

GRANT AWARD

The goal of the Division of Academic Affairs is to continue to enhance innovative research.

Interdisciplinary Awards

Drs. Ladonna Tucker and Dwyane Ham were awarded \$163,142.00 in partnership with Uneo Health from the Maryland Community Health Resources Commission.

ORSP & Grants Accounting Office Hours

ORSP and Grants Accounting offers office hours virtually **every Monday and Tuesday from 12 pm to 1 pm.**

Here's the link to attend office hours:

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_YzFmZDkzMmQtN2JiNS00ZGNilTgzYzMtZDY4MjRkZWQ5OTBm%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2294728e82-9ce4-4d91-99c9-4adbe58ed910%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%227ac53eec-437a-4b54-b0ff-792e6065d73b%22%7d

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