GRC NEWSLETTER

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ABOUT THE GRC

The Graduate Research Center's mission is to transform the graduate student experience. We cultivate a dynamic academic environment in which graduate students engage in innovative research, receive tailored academic support, and leverage resources for both academic and professional development. We are dedicated to nurturing emerging scholars, fostering interdisciplinary collaboration, and empowering individuals to excel in their academic pursuits through mentorship, fellowship opportunities, and transformative services.





NOVEMBER EVENTS

- November 4th: Winter & Spring 2027 Registration Opens
- November 6th: Last Day to Withdraw with a grade of 'W' or Audit a Course
- November 8-10th: Transformative Synergies Conference
- November 14th: Saturday Workshop
- November 25-27th: Thanksgiving Break

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Welcome to the GRC Team!

MS. NAOMI LEWIS

Program Administrative Specialist



After 11 years of teaching students with special needs, Ms. Naomi Lewis pivoted from the classroom to local government in 2023. A proud graduate of Bowie State University, Naomi has demonstrated strong leadership skills since childhood as the eldest grandchild (of eleven) in her family. Passionate about exploring new cultures and experiences, she loves traveling the world and giving back through meaningful community service. Known for her compassionate spirit and dedication to helping others, she also enjoys spending time with dogs, musical theatre, discovering great food, and cheering on her favorite teams at live sporting events. Her commitment to leadership, service, the arts & humanities, and lifelong learning continues to inspire those around her.

GRC SPOTLIGHTS DR. MARJA HUMPHREY'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO MULTICULTURAL COUNSELING



The Graduate Research Center is proud to spotlight Dr. Marja Humphrey for her contributions to multicultural counseling and counselor education. On October 20, 2026, the GRC and Chi Sigma Iota Mu Chapter sponsored An Anticolonial Approach to Counseling Theory and Practice, a book talk facilitated by Dr. Courtland Lee, counselor educator and past president of the American Counseling Association and Chi Sigma Iota International Honor Society. The discussion highlighted Dr. Humphrey's book, Multicultural Issues in Counseling: Racial & Ethnic Dimensions of Helping, which explores the importance of racial and ethnic dimensions in the counseling profession.



Students attending BookTalk

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Dr. Humphrey's impact extends beyond the university, as she has been selected to participate in the CAORC-WARC Overseas Faculty Development Seminar in Senegal in January 2027. The Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC) is a network of American overseas research centers supporting scholars conducting research on issues of national importance across more than 40 countries. This opportunity highlights Dr. Humphrey's continued commitment to scholarship, cross-cultural perspectives, and the advancement of counseling education.





SATURDAY WORKSHOPS

Guiding Masters & Doctoral Students Through Writing and Refining Key Sections of the Thesis/Dissertation

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Via Zoom

Every last Saturday of the month!

Saturday, September 12th – *Chapter 1: Introducing Your Study. Learn how to define your research problem, justify its importance, and position it within the broader academic context*

Saturday, October 10th – *Chapter 2: Crafting a Comprehensive Literature Review. Discover how to synthesize existing research, critically evaluate sources, and build a literature review that supports your study.*

Saturday, November 14th – *Chapter 3: Detailing Your Research Design Get expert guidance on writing a well-structured research methodology description, explaining your methods, and justifying your choices.*

SIGN UP TODAY!

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SPOTLIGHT

MIKAYLA PERRY

Counseling & Psychological Studies



Meet Mikayla Perry, a graduate student in Counseling and Psychological Studies whose academic interests center on mental health counseling, multicultural perspectives, family dynamics, and the impact of generational trauma and systemic factors on the mental health of African American women.

Perry has explored topics including feminist theory, intimate partner violence, family counseling, substance use disorders, and evidence-based mental health treatment. Through literature reviews, scholarly article analysis, and research interpretation, she examines how counseling theories and interventions can be applied to diverse clinical and cultural contexts.

Beyond the classroom, Perry has demonstrated a commitment to student success and academic engagement. As a former Supplemental Instructor and Statistics Tutor, she supported students in understanding statistical concepts and research methods, earning the Student Success Center's 2024 Tutor of the Year Award for her contributions to peer education. She also serves as a member of Bowie State University's African Psychology Student Association, reflecting her interest in African-centered psychology and culturally responsive mental health practices.

Perry currently serves as a Graduate School Communications and Marketing Intern with the Graduate Research Center, where she helps promote graduate research, academic resources, and professional development opportunities. Her experience also includes managing social media for a mental health clinic and completing Youth Mental Health First Aid training, which strengthened her knowledge of recognizing mental health and substance use challenges among adolescents and connecting young people with appropriate resources.

Through her academic pursuits, mentorship, and commitment to mental health awareness, Perry hopes to advance culturally responsive counseling practices and deepen understanding of the experiences that shape mental health and well-being, particularly among African American women and underserved communities.

TRANSFORMATIVE SYNERGIES

ARTS, BUSINESS, STEM, HEALTH & EDUCATION FOR A CHANGING WORLD

BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY 1865

HARMONIZING THE FUTURE: INTERDISCIPLINARY PATHWAYS FOR A RESILIENT SOCIETY

NOVEMBER 8 - 10, 2026

The Hotel at the University of Maryland
7777 Baltimore Ave 4th Floor, College Park, MD 20740
Discounted rates are available for conference attendees

In an era defined by rapid technological shifts, political instability, global health challenges, and social evolution, the traditional silos of academia are no longer sufficient. To build a truly resilient society, we must find the "Transformative Synergies" where the precision of STEM, the soul of the Arts, the necessity of Health, the strategic scale of Business, and the foundation of Education converge.

This conference serves as a dynamic forum for faculty, scholars, and graduate students to showcase cutting-edge research that transcends disciplinary boundaries. We invite submissions that explore how these diverse fields can harmonize to create innovative solutions for the complex problems of the 21st century.

REGISTRATION IS NOW CLOSED

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THE GRADUATE SCHOOL AT BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY

Tailored Academic Support

GRADUATE WRITING SERVICES



Research editors at the Graduate Research Center focus on helping graduate students grow as academic writers and scholars across disciplines. We support students at any stage in the writing process. We provide feedback on a range of work including research papers, literature reviews, dissertation chapters, grant proposals, and conference presentations.

Offerings:

Brainstorming Consultations
Students talk through approaches they are considering for starting an assignment, drafting sections of longer manuscripts, or even working through structural issues in a current draft. The consultation focuses on using dialogue to explore ideas, ask questions, and gain clarity. Brainstorming consultations are scheduled 24 hours in advance and require an assignment sheet or a short project description.

Read Ahead Consultations
Students will identify a specific challenge that they are facing in a current draft. An editor will read student work before the consultation. The consultation centers on using dialogue to provide constructive feedback, potential strategies, and resources for overcoming the challenge. Consultations are scheduled 48 hours in advance. Requirements for making the appointment include an assignment sheet or a short project description in addition to 5-8 double-spaced manuscript pages or slides.

Thesis/Dissertation Support Groups:
Weekly, noncommittal groups will offer a supportive, flexible space for writers to meet the demands of revising manuscripts and take advantage of dedicated writing time. Sessions will also feature brief workshops focused on enhancing your writing process, trying new revision strategies, using feedback effectively, maximizing writing time, and more.

Dissertation Workshop Series:
The Dissertation Workshop Series guides doctoral students through writing and refining key sections of the dissertation. Workshops will focus on writing a clear problem statement, crafting a comprehensive literature review, describing research methodologies, presenting findings, and highlighting a study's significance.

Schedule a GRC Service

ACADEMIC ADVISING



Academic advisors at the Graduate Research Center support new and continuing graduate students through the enrollment and registration process, help them understand program requirements, and provide ongoing guidance throughout their academic journey.

Offerings:

In-person and online advising sessions by appointment only.

STATISTICS ACADEMIC ASSISTANCE



Statisticians at the Graduate Research Center provide academic support to graduate students by assisting with statistical concepts, data analysis techniques, and software applications. We help students understand probability, hypothesis testing, regression analysis, and other advanced statistical methods. Services include one-on-one or group sessions, guidance in applying statistical methods to research projects, and clarification on complex topics to enhance comprehension and confidence.

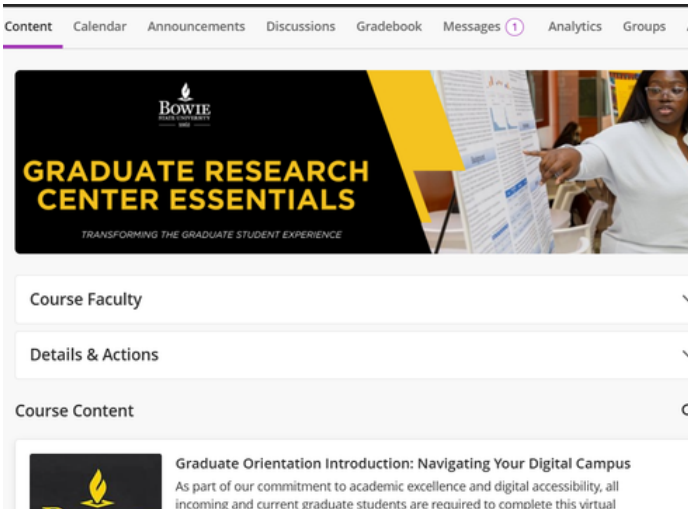
Offerings:
One-on-One or Group Sessions to address challenges directly related to coursework.

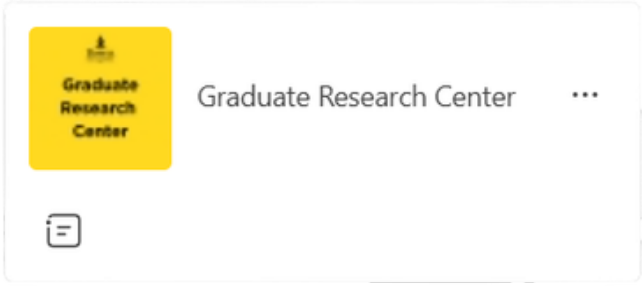
Need to Print?

Graduate programs or students in need of printing large images for conference presentations, abstract presentations, posters, etc., may complete the request form below. Materials will be ready for pickup on Mondays and Wednesdays in room 1185 of the Thurgood Marshall Library.

Print Services Submission Form

GRC ESSENTIAL INFORMATION ACCESSIBLE ON NEW PLATFORMS





The Graduate Research Center (GRC) Essentials Blackboard organization is now open to all graduate students. This module is designed to orient students to GRC services while also providing access to essential Graduate School resources.

Students can easily access the organization by visiting Blackboard, logging in, and selecting “organization” on the navigation pane located on the left. Within the GRC Essentials module, students will complete a brief orientation and earn a digital badge to recognize their participation.

The module will remain available throughout the academic year, serving as a convenient point of reference for all things related to the Graduate Research Center and the Graduate School.

In addition to Blackboard, we are excited to announce the launch of the GRC Team Hub, now available to all graduate students and faculty. The hub serves as a centralized resource, offering easy access to pertinent information about GRC services, university personnel, policies, and more. By streamlining these resources into one convenient space, the Team Hub is designed to support academic success, strengthen communication, and foster engagement across the graduate community.

JOIN THE HUB HERE!

VISIT THE GRADUATE LOUNGE!

Looking for a space to study, collaborate with peers, or work on assignments? Visit the Graduate Lounge in **Thurgood Marshall Library (Room 1185)**. This modern space features seating for 30, 7 computers, 3 private study pods, and a large 80" interactive screen with virtual and touchscreen capabilities.



Thurgood Marshall Library, Room 1185



Bulldog Card Required for Entry

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