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Graduate School Alumna Wins Letitia Woods Brown Memorial Book Award

Dr. Cherisse Jones-Branch, B.A. ’94 and M.A. ’97, Associate Professor of History at Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, was recently awarded the Letitia Woods Brown Memorial Book Award for her manuscript (University Press of Florida, 2014). The Association of Black Women Historians presented the award at the annual meeting of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) in Memphis, Tennessee.

Crossing the Line chronicles black and white women who were accustomed to a segregated society in South Carolina but who worked both individually and collectively to change their state's unequal racial status quo.

In this work Dr. Jones-Branch explores the early activism of black women in organizations including the NAACP, the South Carolina Progressive Democratic Party, and the South Carolina Federation of Colored Women’s Clubs. At the same time, she discusses the involvement of white women in such groups as the YWCA and Church Women United. In the final analysis, she argues that where possible, black and white women's interactions cross the racial divide in South Carolina and helped set the groundwork for the broader civil rights movement of the 1960s and 1970s.

Congratulations to Dr. Jones-Branch on her award and continued academic excellence in her field!

About Your Graduate Student Association

Executive Board Members

All students enrolled in The Graduate School of the College of Charleston are served and represented by the Graduate Student Association. We take pride in:

- Creating opportunities for interdisciplinary collaboration.
- Improving the quality of graduate programs, research opportunities, and student services.
- Providing a forum for discussing issues important to graduate students.

Graduate Student Council meetings are typically held the first Friday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in Stern Center, Room 409. All graduate students are encouraged to attend these meetings.

To keep up with all things GSA, follow them on Twitter (@CofCGSA), Facebook (facebook.com/groups/2323444745), and check out their blog (blogs.cofc.edu/gsa)! You can also stop by their cubicle (427A) located on the 4th floor of the Stern Center for any questions or concerns.
Diversity Spotlight

Maria Royle is a graduate student in the MAT Middle Grades program. Before coming to the College, Maria's lifelong interest in science and helping children led her to pursue a master's degree in Organizational Management & Leadership from Springfield College, Massachusetts. Maria is bilingual and learned English as a second language, an experience that has helped her to be an advocate for the growing number of immigrant children in local schools. She was a graduate assistant at the College until she began her clinical internship at College Park Middle School in Berkeley County. Maria's research agenda includes being a team member of a five-year long research project through NASA's Solar System Exploration Research Virtual Institute Education, Education/Public Outreach Program, whose goal is to work with a variety of artists, scientists, and educators to develop an arts infused STEM curricula that engages students in the multidisciplinary field of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, & Mathematics).

Upcoming Events

- 10/21-Graduate Information Session, Multicultural Center Conference Room, 3-4pm
- 10/24-Three Minute Thesis Competition,
- 10/24-Registration for Degree Seeking Students for Spring 2015
- 11/7-Graduate Student Association Meeting, Stern Student Center, Room 409 @ 5:30pm
- 11/10-Registration for Certificate Students for Spring 2015
- 11/10-Professional Development Series: Finding a Graduate Mentor, Tate Center Room 202, noon-1pm
- 11/12-Professional Development Series: Navigating the Digital Humanities, Tate Center Room 202, noon-1pm
- 11/12-Dinner with the Grad Dean, Tate Center Room 202, 5:30-7pm
- 11/19-Graduate Information Session, Multicultural Center Conference Room, 12-1pm
- 11/26-11/30-Thanksgiving Break

Meet the Editors

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