

Lincoln University

Completion Report

RE: Faculty Development Grant Program Proposal Summer 2018

Intercultural & Interdisciplinary Pedagogy, Research, and Publication

Applicants

Nicole Files-Thompson, Ph.D.

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Faculty Development Award Amount: \$5,000

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Completed Research

The research project had the following goals which were successfully completed:

- 1) Foster relationships that engender a global perspective as well as provide global, intercultural, and culturally sensitive curricular and co-curricular opportunities to students.
- 2) Meet the objectives defined by our specialized accrediting body ACEJMC for diversity, inclusion, and global perspectives.
- 3) Build interdisciplinary scholarship to enhance learning and understanding across social science disciplines.
- 4) Encourage our students and others to travel abroad. Black students are less than 5% of U.S. Americans that study abroad. With implications that impact the number of those students that enter international careers and leadership positions, there is a benefit to engendering a relationship for students, policy, and diplomacy broadly.
- 5) Deliver presentations and publications that enhance intercultural learning from an interdisciplinary and global perspective to the LU community that aim to empower students and faculty across disciplines.

Dr. Files-Thompson took 18 students to Jamaica on faculty led study abroad from May 7 2018-May 29th 2018. She submitted the co-authored research project manuscript with Melina McConatha MSW, PhD, Assistant Professor of Psychology, Mobilizing Allies for Black Transgender Women: Digital Stories, Intersectionality, and #SayHerName to be published in the Rowman and Littlefield text *Queer Intercultural Communication* in September, 2018. Drs. Files-Thompson and McConatha also presented this research at a colloquium held at the University of New Mexico on November 5th, 2018. Additionally, students published their work on a variety of platforms.

Scholarly Publications

Files-Thompson, N. & McContha, M. (forthcoming 2019) Mobilizing Allies for Black Transgender Women: Digital Stories, Intersectionality, and #SayHerName. In S. Eguchi & B. Calafell (Eds), *Queer Intercultural Communication Studies*. New York, NY: Rowman & Littlefield.

Website Development

As a component of the study abroad, students were to develop content for the tour companies website. I then redesigned the companies' website and published it with student generated content. <https://xclusivetoursja.com/>

Student Publications

Student Travel Biographies

<http://thelincolnian.net/travel-bios/>

Quinton Davis

<https://youtu.be/QWm-KaSX9xU>

Jamila Jacobs

<https://mandisaj.wixsite.com/jamjacob/journal/yea-mon-yea-mon>

Kinoia Fredericksen

<https://www.kintheagt.com/>

Madeline Mitchell
madelynnmitchell.wixsite.com/blog

Research Presentations

Lincoln University, presentation for the State Department Capacity Building Study Abroad Grant Participants Evaluation: Thursday October 11th 12:30 - 1:45 PM in Science Bldg 318.

University of New Mexico, Albuquerque New Mexico, 11/5/2018

Files-Thompson, N. & McContha, M. Mobilizing Allies for Black Transgender Women: Digital Stories, Intersectionality, and #SayHerName

Teaching/Learning Enhancement to the LU Community

Course Instruction

On the study abroad, I mentored students in completing qualitative research projects and investigative digital travel journalism focusing on socioeconomic and cultural perspectives via tourism in Jamaica. Student research projects include: “Sociocultural aspects of language in Jamaica,” “Mediated colorism: sociocultural aspects of skin bleaching in Jamaica,” “Perception and Potential of agritourism in the marijuana, sugar cane, and coffee industry of Jamaica,” “Increasing Black American participation and engagement in study abroad: A digital case study of Lincoln University students in Jamaica,” “Black girl vlogging: The eco tourism journey of a future microbiologist in Jamaica,” and “Jamaican Joy: A Digital Exploration.”

Project Sharing within the University Community

I participated with students in a forum hosted by Dr. Monica Gray at Lincoln University for the State Department Capacity Building Study Abroad Grant Participants Evaluation: Thursday October 11th 12:30 - 1:45 PM in Science Bldg 318.

Additionally, a video compilation of the students’ study abroad experience was posted on the Lincolnian website and shared with LU faculty. <https://youtu.be/QWm-KaSX9xU>