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
**Intercultural & Interdisciplinary Pedagogy, Research, and Publication**

**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**


**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/](https://xclusivetoursja.com/)

**Student Publications**

Student Travel Biographies

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

Quinton Davis
[https://youtu.be/QWm-KaSX9xU](https://youtu.be/QWm-KaSX9xU)

Jamila Jacobs

Kinoia Fredericksen
[https://www.kintheagt.com/](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**


**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](https://youtu.be/QWm-KaSX9xU)