NC STATE UNIVERSITY
College of Education

MAY 2020 GRADUATES

Friday, May 8, 2020
Raleigh, North Carolina
DOCTOR OF EDUCATION DEGREES

Jeffrey L. Allen  
Adult and Community College Education  
Dissertation: A Q-methodology Study of African American Male Perceptions of the Factors that Contribute to their Persistence at a Rural Community College. (Under the direction of Professor Michelle Bartlett.)

Kara Alease Battle  
Adult and Community College Education  
Dissertation: The Experiences of Dual Enrollment Students on Completion of Baccalaureate Degrees in North Carolina. (Under the direction of Professor Audrey Jaeger.)

Micara Chanel Lewis  
Adult and Community College Education  
Dissertation: A Case Study Exploring Perspectives of Community College Experiences’ Role on Soft Skills Development of North Carolina Students Enrolled in Career and Technical Programs. (Under the direction of Professor James Bartlett.)

Twana Michelle McKnight  
Adult and Community College Education  
Dissertation: Dispositional Factors: Predicting Academic Achievement and Persistence of Low-skilled Adults Enrolled in Community College Adult Basic Education Programs. (Under the direction of Professor James Bartlett.)

Carrie Elaine Stock Bartek  
Adult and Community College Education  
Dissertation: Mixed Methods Analysis of Effective Transfer Partnerships at Community Colleges and Public Universities in North Carolina. (Under the direction of Professor Audrey Jaeger.)

Ashley Nicole Swing  
Adult and Community College Education  
Dissertation: The Experiences of Low-Income Transfer Students and their Paths to Bachelor’s Degree Completion. (Under the direction of Professor Audrey Jaeger.)

Andrea Sutton Thomas  
Adult and Community College Education  
Dissertation: Perceptions, Attitudes, and Values of Females Participating in Nontraditional Career and Technical Education Programs in North Carolina Community Colleges: A Q-Methodology. (Under the direction of Professor James Bartlett.)

Elizabeth Lynley Wentzel  
Adult and Community College Education  
Dissertation: Resistance to Mandated Organizational Change in the Healthcare Industry. (Under the direction of Professor Chad Hoggan.)

Dana Jackson Jernigan  
Educational Administration and Supervision  
Dissertation: A Mixed-Methods Study of the Perceptions of Teachers Regarding Training for Project-Based Learning. (Under the direction of Professors Bonnie Fusarelli and Michael Ward.)

Erin Walterina Manuel  
Educational Administration and Supervision  
Dissertation: A Phenomenological Study of North Carolina Secondary Teacher Experiences with Arts Advocacy. (Under the direction of Professor Lisa Bass.)

Albertina Patricia Townsend  
Educational Administration and Supervision  
Dissertation: Against the Odds: An Examination of Aspects that Contribute to the Academic Success of First-Generation College African American Males from Rural Communities. (Under the direction of Professor Lisa Bass.)

Dannie Thomas Williams  
Educational Administration and Supervision  
Dissertation: A Formative Evaluation of a STEM Academy at a Rural High School. (Under the direction of Professor Lance Fusarelli.)

Catherine Colgate Taylor Moore  
Higher Education  

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY DEGREES

Joseph Anthony Dlugos  
Counseling and Counselor Education  
Dissertation: Perceptions of Face Validity When Utilizing Projective and Objective Personality Assessments: The Impact of Generational Cohort and Gender Identity. (Under the direction of Professor Raymond Ting.)

Stephanie Leibowitz Nelson  
Counseling and Counselor Education  

Sallie Diane Wooten  
Counseling and Counselor Education  
Dissertation: High School Counselors’ Experiences with the Training, Implementation and Follow Up of the 9th Grade Human Trafficking Prevention Program: A Phenomenological Study. (Under the direction of Professor Stanley Baker.)

Ariel Elizabeth Cochrane-Brown  
Educational Leadership and Policy  
Dissertation: A Qualitative, Counter-narrative Study of Rural African American Students’ First-Year College Experiences. (Under the direction of Professor Lisa Bass.)

Sarah Andrea Deal  
Educational Leadership and Policy  
Dissertation: The Promise of Free College: Three Essays on Dual Enrollment in North Carolina. (Under the direction of Professors Audrey Jaeger and A. Brooks Bowden.)

Sarah Egan Warren  
Educational Leadership and Policy  
Dissertation: Professional Science Master’s Students’ Confidence and Competence with Presentation Skills. (Under the direction of Professor Michelle Bartlett.)
Reginald Lee High  
Educational Leadership and Policy  
Dissertation: An Examination of the Relationship between State Financial Aid Policies and Enrollment at Various Types of Higher Education Institutions: A Longitudinal Multilevel Approach. (Under the direction of Professor Tamara Young.)

Laura Garland Maldonado  
Educational Leadership and Policy  
Dissertation: Connecting to Campus and the Workforce: A Case Study of Community College Students Participating in SkillsUSA. (Under the direction of Professor Audrey Jaeger.)

Whitney Grace McLaughlin  
Educational Leadership and Policy  
Dissertation: The Effects of Customized Psychoeducation-Based Neurocounseling Interventions on the Coping Flexibility of African American Women with Multiple Sclerosis. (Under the direction of Professor Stanley Baker.)

Ashley McMillan  
Educational Leadership and Policy  
Dissertation: “It’s More Than an Organization:” Exploring the Role of a Native Student Organization in Creating a Culturally Relevant and Culturally Responsive Campus Environment for Native American College Students. (Under the direction of Professor Audrey Jaeger.)

Stephanie Kirchner Stancil  
Educational Leadership and Policy  
Dissertation: Exploring Working Graduate Students’ Experiences with Reusable Assignments. (Under the direction of Professor Michelle Bartlett.)

Angela Boyd VanGorder  
Educational Leadership and Policy  
Dissertation: Recruiting and Selecting Effective Aspiring Educational Leaders: A Multiple-Case Study of Exemplary Educational Leadership Programs. (Under the direction of Professors Jennifer Ayscue and Bonnie Fusarelli.)

Yaxin Zheng  
Educational Leadership and Policy  
Dissertation: Do Students Who Complete an Online Preparedness Program have Higher Success Rates in Online Courses? (Under the direction of Professors Duane Akroyd and Susan Barcinas.)
DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

Shelley Anne Glimcher
Technology Education
Dissertation: Development of a Tactile-Based Spatial Thinking Assessment using a Hand-Held, Multi-Object Manipulative Puzzle. (Under the direction of Professor Aaron Clark.)

Deidre Lee Kelly
Technology Education
Dissertation: Major Motivations: First-Generation College Students’ Motivations when Selecting Technology and Engineering Education as a Major. (Under the direction of Professor Aaron Clark.)

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Shannan Wheat George
Learning and Teaching in STEM
Dissertation: Investigation of the Scientific and Participant Outcomes of a Multi-Country Citizen Science Project in Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene. (Under the direction of Professor Sarah Carrier.)

Kristi Renea Martin
Learning and Teaching in STEM
Dissertation: Pre-Service Secondary Mathematics Teachers’ Problem-Solving Across Trigonometric Domains. (Under the direction of Professor Karen Hollebrands.)
DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

**Whitney McCoy**  
**Educational Psychology**  
Dissertation: Black Girls Accepting the Grand Challenge: A Qualitative Exploration of a Summer Engineering Program’s Influence on Black Girls’ Racial Identity, Engineering Identity, and STEM Self-Efficacy. (Under the direction of Professor Jessica DeCuir-Gunby.)

**Amanda Jane Kates**  
**Elementary Education**  
Dissertation: Understanding Elementary Teachers’ Mathematics-focused Professional Development Opportunities: A Mixed Methods Study. (Under the direction of Professor Temple Walkowiak.)
MASTER OF EDUCATION

Adult and Community College Education
Joseph Daniel Fagan

Clinical Mental Health Counseling
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Davis Ann Bilodeau
Courtney Briann Blackledge
Jocelyn Felter Brown
Alexandra Marie Cataldi
Mala Chintalapudi
Jake Thomas Deangelo
Jennifer Anne Deschler
Malcolm Cyrus Harris
Nora Judeh
Heather Anne McAllister
Callie Anne Martell Podraza
Lindsay Kate Seigenthaler
Amanda Ann Sibrizzi
Christopher Shawn Soto
Rachel Lee-Ann Sprague
Cecilia Frances Stonebraker

College Counseling and Student Development
Brandy Arellano
Kimberly Drew Colgan
Megan Louise Guidi
Jacob Robert Henshaw
Twyla Faith Howard
Sheneica Raquel Hunter-Gibbs
Arielle Johnson
Claire Odunlami King
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Miyah Arielle Wilson
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School Counseling
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Laura Margot Clark
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Bailey Milly Craddock
Nancy Foust Fields
Rasheehah Antoinette Fletcher
Alyssa Nicole Garrity
McKenzie Livengood Gheesling
Katherine Blanche McAnally
Shannon Christine McDougal
Dasha Daines Menafee
Ashley Morton
Caroline Blake Nifong
Lindsay Harnish Phillips
Amanda Kate Reaves
Mary Ashley Rose
Victoria Elizabeth Sockman
Jasmine Kiana Wiggins

Training and Development
Amanda Jean Leigh Ackovitz
Anna Rita Bonaduce-Dresler
Kelsey Anne Canovai
William Anthony Cook
Elizabeth Dabrowski
Jiaoyue Dongmen
Robert Matthew Felts
Jennifer Michele Gaskey
Brenda Judge Grubb
Eric Hampton Jr.
Taylor Ryan Hansen
Jennifer Marie LaDue
Shawn O’Neil
Fatimah Patterson
Jordan Michael Phillips
Melissa Katherine Terry
Jennifer Nicole Whalen
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School Administration
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Marta-Malia Leialohaokalani Blake
Michelle Wheeler Butler
Kathleen Elizabeth Carswell
Sarah Marie Cowell
Jessica Pike Currin
Erica Fox Dale
Harrison Joji Linh Do
Glenn Mendoza Estacio
Erica Everett
Taylor Brittnefe Flythe
Melanie Rose Forte
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Jesse Harrison Gore
Portia Keirra Harmon
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Leshau Trekel Jenkins
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Sara Elizabeth Morey
Monica Michelle Noa
Heather Ann Peaden
Allison Price
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Sarita M. Shaw
Rozanne Elizabeth Todd
Gladys Marie Washington
MASTER OF EDUCATION

Mathematics Education
Allison Stroud Faulkenberry

Science Education
Mwenda Oluwatoyin Kudumu
Carmen Monet Swinger

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Education
Kristopher Lynn Denio
Sarah Alexis Howard
Sylvia L. Raye
Bradley Thomas Rhew
MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

Elementary Education
Caitlin Marie Barker
Molly Marie Biek
Ari Yvonne Clayton
Amelia Robinson Garrett
Kathryn Hall
Grace Holmes
Tecora Cholae Jenkins
Kathryn Heilman Schiller
Jamie W. Switzer
Jennifer Michele Vuillermet
Amanda Weiss
Caroline Kerth Woods

English Education
Annalise Marie Boese
Mary Elisabeth Dunlevy
Margaret A. Hannah

English Second Language
Britney Louise Pardue

Middle Grades Social Studies
Zachary Derrah

Social Studies
Carly Renee Burnette
Steven Richard Colford
Max Kennedy Hollingsworth
Thomas Seongln Kweon
Samantha Nichole Lambros
Logan Howard Merchant
Nicholas Devin Tennant
McDaniel Thomas Wynne
Taylor Shay Ziemba

Special Education
Valerie Malia Ahrens
Julia Louise Biegler
Sharon Smith Brown
Meredith Marie Bullis
Jennifer Straw Macko
Lonnie Mans
Jacqueline Dayna Richter
Erica Nicole Steele

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Educational Psychology
Joanna Ali
Kirsten Nicole Small

Elementary Education
Kasmira Dominique Armstrong
Lindsey Rae Hensler
Susette McConnell
Jasmin Chante Nabors
Sarah Elizabeth Vogel

Learning Design and Technology
Grayson Bedenbaugh
Silas Elijah Burke
Regina Covelli
Lauren Michelle Moseley
Martha Allison Rouse
Austin West Smith
Joyce Catherine Ventimiglia

New Literacies and Global Learning:

English Education
Carol Ann Brannock
Candace Artemis Turney Jamison
Shannan Melissa Gouz Kitchen
Hannah Beth Moehrke

Reading Education
Lauren Rhue Cunningham
Shanna McDowell Darwish
Ally Harrison
Whitney Danielle Illing
Jasmyn Kymberly Jones
Shakemia Edwards Jones
Stephanie Layton
Reagan Elizabeth Murphy
Melissa Lauren O’Connor
Erin Peters
Elizabeth Blaire Rowland
Jacquelyn Alissa Soifer
Claire Elizabeth Straub

New Literacies and Global Learning:

Social Studies Education
Catherine White Ellis
Leslie Gant
Marlin Dushae Jones
Twanna Lashawn Monroe
Michael Antoine Williams
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Math Education
Connor Bailey Johnson
Andy Khounmeuang
Vanessa Maria Layton
Hailey Diana Mesmer
Rama Shahin
Benjamin Richard Wendt
Monica Lynn Willis

Science Education
Ashley Caroline Alexander
Logan Stuart Boyles
Jeffrey Perry Currin
Gillian Elise Fisher
McKenna Lynn Hoover
Erin Victoria Lisi
Shellie Marie Poston

Technology, Engineering, and Design Education
Steven John Anstoetter Jr.
Devin Byrne
Faith Maria Davis
Katherine Stewart Dull
Madison Dutton
Issa Dyson
Joshua Hockaday
Steven Edward Hughes
Eryn A. Koty
Yijie Ma
Scott Marinelli
Lauren Elizabeth Miller
Ryan Maguire Mudd
Miguel Ortiz-Cruz
Alexander Mason Peyton
Paul Robert Pomrehn
Scott Harris Price
Malcolm I. Smith
Andrew Lewis Taylor
Jessie Camella Taylor
Collin Alexander Thrash
Thomas Casey Turlington
Christian-Dave Raymundo Villazor
Courtney Heitland Wethington
Spencer Lawson White
Chandler M. Wynn
Geling Xu
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Education - General Studies
Sungjin Choi
Michael Culbertson
Courtney Elizabeth Day
Alexa Rene DeFalco
Feng Guo
Morgan Elizabeth Hayes
Allison McClougherty
Nathan Morton
Hali McKenzie Reese
Jesse Rindone

Elementary Education
Grace Isabel Allyn
Rachel Elizabeth Bland
Kaitlynn Caroline Cipully
Chloe Michaela Colyar
Karen Catherine Cusmano
Sydney Paige Dunigan
Lauren Olivia Ellington
Kathleen Duvall Finegan
Amber Nicole Fitz
Victoria Ann Gardner
Peyton Brooke Greene
Carlia Harrell
Alix Howard
Bailey Leigh Jones
Abigail Corinne Juhls
Connie Gaheun Kim
Abigail Ann Lucero
Christy Amanda Maclaren
Catherine Dianne Mallard
Elizabeth Janice McDaniel
Megan Christine McDonald
Emily Jean Miles
Sydney Brooke Neaves
Hannah Nicole Nimblett
Michaela Kim O’Leary
Lindsay Ann Pence
Mackenzie Lee Pence
Katherine Brooker Pierce
Megan Hope Polzin
Olivia Mackenzie Rawlings
Nicole Lindsey Renwick
Sara Ann Savino

Alexis Schafran
Sydney Elizabeth Schupp
Kaitlynn Briann Smith
Monica Taylor Smith
Carly Brooke Stevens
Katherine Ann Stokes
Jina Suh
Hayley Sullivan
Laci Nicole Throneburg
Victoria Kaitlyn Turner
Summer Nicole Washam
Abbey Jacqueline Welch
Mollie Jane Winstead

Middle Grades Education
Jennifer Elizabeth Elliott
Matthew Robert Jackson
Samantha Levert
Jade Angelique Marrero
Kelsey Rose Metcalf
Jessica Lynn Montgomery
Collin James Morris
Amber Renee Myers
Cassandra Grace Rockness
Jason Savo
Risa Elizabeth Sink
Hannah Michelle Staubs
Michelle Elizabeth Strawn
Rafael Tetro
Meghan Elizabeth Thomas
Summer Andrea Thompson
Aaliyah Michelle Whitfield
GRADUATING STUDENTS SPECIAL RECOGNITION

**Student Honors**

**Cum Laude**
- Steven John Anstoetter Jr.
- Devin Byrne
- Kaitlynn Caroline Cipully
- Karen Catherine Cusmano
- Faith Maria Davis
- Sydney Paige Dunigan
- Madison Dutton
- Jennifer Elizabeth Elliott
- Carla Harrell
- Vanessa Maria Layton
- Erin Victoria Lisi
- Collin James Morris
- Hannah Nicole Nimblett
- Paul Robert Pomrehn
- Scott Harris Price
- Risa Elizabeth Sink
- Hannah Michelle Staubs
- Carly Brooke Stevens
- Summer Nicole Washam
- Spencer Lawson White
- Aaliyah Michelle Whitfield
- Monica Lynn Willis
- Mollie Jane Winstead

**Magna Cum Laude**
- Logan Stuart Boyles
- Victoria Ann Gardner
- Peyton Brooke Greene
- McKenna Lynn Hoover
- Connor Bailey Johnson
- Andy Khounmeuang
- Connie Gaheun Kim
- Eryn A. Koty
- Abigail Ann Lucero
- Christy Amanda Maclaren
- Jade Angelique Marrero
- Megan Christine McDonald
- Miguel Ortiz-Cruz
- Katherine Brooker Pierce
- Katherine Ann Stokes
- Jessie Camella Taylor
- Laci Nicole Throneburg
- Victoria Kaitlyn Turner
- Geling Xu

**Summa Cum Laude**
- Grace Isabel Allyn
- Rachel Elizabeth Bland
- Chloe Michaela Colyar
- Jeffrey Perry Currin
- Alexa Rene DeFalco
- Lauren Olivia Ellington
- Kathleen Duvall Finegan
- Amber Nicole Fitz
- Alix Howard
- Bailey Leigh Jones
- Abigail Corinne Juhls
- Catherine Dianne Mallard
- Elizabeth Janice McDaniel
- Hailey Diana Mesmer
- Kelsey Rose Metcalf
- Emily Jean Miles
- Jessica Lynn Montgomery
- Amber Renee Myers
- Sydney Brooke Neaves
- Michaela Kim O’Leary
- Lindsay Ann Pence
- Mackenzie Lee Pence
- Megan Hope Polzin
- Shellie Marie Poston
- Nicole Lindsey Renwick
- Cassandra Grace Rockness
- Sara Ann Savino
- Jason Savo
- Alexi Schafran
- Sydney Elizabeth Schupp
- Kaitlyn Briann Smith
- Monica Taylor Smith
- Michelle Elizabeth Strawn
- Jina Suh
- Hayley Sullivan
- Meghan Elizabeth Thomas
- Summer Andrea Thompson
- Abbey Jacqueline Welch
- Benjamin Richard Wendt
Dissertation Awards

Educational Leadership, Policy, and Human Development Outstanding Dissertation Award
Whitney McLaughlin
Educational Leadership, Policy, and Human Development - Counseling and Counselor Education Ph.D. program
Dissertation Title: The Effects of Customized Psychoeducation-Based Neurocounseling Interventions on the Coping Flexibility of African American Women with Multiple Sclerosis (Under the direction of Professor Stanley B. Baker.)

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Education Dissertation Award
Gregory Alonzo Downing*
Learning and Teaching in STEM
Dissertation Title: Leveraging Culturally Relevant Pedagogy in a College Algebra Course: A Mixed Methods Study. (Under the direction of Professor Karen Hollebrands.)

Teacher Education and Learning Sciences Dissertation Award
Whitney McCoy
Dissertation Title: Black Girls Accepting the Grand Challenge: A Qualitative Exploration of a Summer Engineering Program’s Influence on Black Girls’ Racial Identity. (Under the direction of Professor Jessica DeCuir-Gunby.)

Education Council Outstanding Senior Awards

Elementary Education: Abbey Welch
Mathematics Education (High School): Monica Willis
Mathematics Education (Middle School): Walaa Sarsour*
Science Education (High School): Logan Boyles
Science Education (Middle School): Erin Lisi
Outstanding Senior in Technology, Engineering, and Design Education: Jessie Taylor

Education Council Spotlight Awards

Outstanding Club Member for Education Council: Rachel Bland
Golden Apple Future Teacher Award: Katee Finegan

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Education Departmental Awards

Epsilon Pi Tau Leadership Award: Teena Coats
Garland Kermit Hilliard Outstanding Student Achievement in Technology Engineering, and Design Education Award: Isabella Forst
Robert H. Hammond Outstanding Student Achievement in Graphic Communication Minor Award: Alex Thomas
Dr. John Park Memorial Outstanding Senior Award in Science Education
    Middle School: Erin Lisi
    High School: Perry Currin

Teacher Education and Learning Sciences Departmental Awards

John Arnold Middle Grades English Language Arts and Social Studies Award: Amber Myers
Pat Dalton Middle Grades English Language Arts and Social Studies Award: Matt Jackson
Jimmy Scherrer Outstanding Senior Service Award: Sydney Schupp

* December 2019 Graduate
SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS FOR STUDENT GROUPS/PROGRAMS

Education Council
Rachel Bland
Nicole Renwick

Goodnight Scholars Program
Rachel Bland, Elementary Education
Logan Boyles, High School Science/Physics
Shellie Poston, Middle School Science

Multicultural Young Educators Network (MYEN)
Benjamin Wendt

N.C. Teaching Fellows
Caroline Alexander
Devin Byrne
Erin Lisi

Park Scholars
Jeffrey Perry Currin

Passport for Success Program
Aaliyah Whitfield
Nicole Renwick
Jessica Montgomery
Desiree McClarnon
Summer Thompson
Hayley Sullivan
Grace Allyn
Katee Finegan

Students Advocating for Youth (SAY)
Courtney Day
Alexa DeFalco
Kaitlyn Cipully
Chloe Colyar
Sydney Dunigan
Katee Finegan
Alix Howard
Emily Miles
Carly Stevens
Laci Throneburg
Amber Myers
Aaliyah Whitfield
Ben Wendt
Malcolm Smith

University Scholars Program
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