

GRC NEWSLETTER

THE Graduate School @ Bowie State



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ABOUT THE GRC

The Graduate Resource 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.



JULY EVENTS

- July 3rd: Summer Session I Ends
- July 4th: 4th of July Holiday
- July 7th: Last Day to Apply for Summer (August) Graduation 2025
- July 7th: Summer Session II Begins
- July 9th: Final Grades for Session I Due
- July 11th: Last Day to Add/Drop for Session II
- July 11th: Last Day to Withdraw for a Grade of W (Session III)
- July 25th: Last Day to Withdraw for a Grade of W (Session II)



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Tailored Academic Support

GRADUATE WRITING SERVICES



Research editors at the Graduate Resource 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.

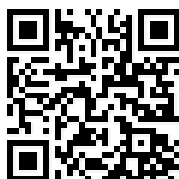
Thesis/Dissertation Support Groups:

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:

Starting September 13, THE GRC will offer a Dissertation Workshop Series focused on guiding 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.

Register Here:



ACADEMIC ADVISING



Academic advisors at the Graduate Resource 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.

New Student Advising: Ms. Williams
Doctoral/Certificate Program Advising: Ms. Oji
Master's Program Advising: Ms. Bradford-Yancey

Schedule Your Appointment Today:



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](#)



THE GRC Makes Strides Nationwide

This past June, Dr. Holder, Coordinator, and Dr. McElroy, Graduate Resource Editor of the Graduate Resource Center, presented *Empowering Scholars through Innovation: Leveraging HBGI Funding and Graduate Resource Centers for Growth and Sustainability in HBCU Graduate Schools* at the Title III Technical Assistance Workshop.

Their presentation highlighted the critical role that HBGI (Historically Black Graduate Institutions) funding plays in fostering innovation and addressing challenges faced by HBCUs. They emphasized how strategic investments in graduate education can advance academic success, create sustainable pathways for interdisciplinary collaboration and research excellence, and support professional growth. Additionally, the presentation showcased how these efforts contribute to building a strong and resilient graduate school infrastructure.

Professionals from institutions such as Morehouse School of Medicine and Florida A&M University attended the session, offering an opportunity to connect, share insights, and promote the expansion of the Graduate Resource Center model at HBCUs nationwide.



KESLA HOLDER, PHD



HONOR MCELROY, EDD



FALL 2025



GRAD STUDENT **CLASS** REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

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SAVE THE DATE: GRADUATE STUDENT ORIENTATION



Saturday, August 16th, 2025



9:00am - 3:00pm



Martin Luther King Jr Building Auditorium

Graduate Student Orientation is designed to help **both new and returning** students get acclimated to Bowie State University and explore all that THE Graduate School has to offer! Whether you're advancing your academic journey or returning to complete your graduate studies, this orientation provides valuable insights into university resources, program offerings, and departmental expectations.

What to expect:

- Meet key personnel from THE Graduate School
- Learn about the university's history and mission
- Discover essential graduate student resources
- Get important admissions and departmental information
- Network with fellow students and faculty
- Plus: Enjoy a light breakfast and lunch as you get to know the campus and community.



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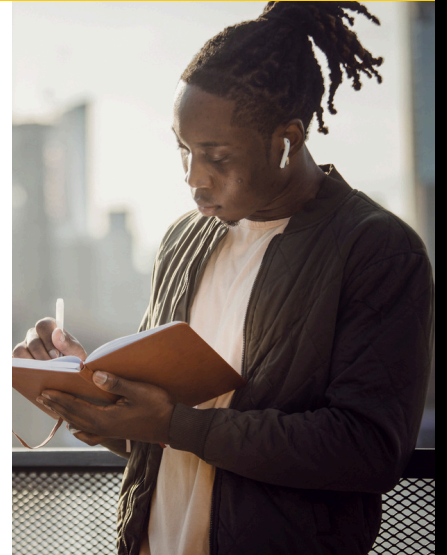
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Begins June 9th, 2025 | Ends July 29th, 2025

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Dissertation Schedule

Mondays: 12:00-1:00pm

Tuesdays: 1:15-2:15pm or
6:15-7:15pm

Thesis Schedule

Tuesdays: 12:00-1:00pm
or 5:00-6:00pm



Sign Up Now!

Registration is **required** for **each** session you attend. Offering **multiple sessions** per week to meet your scheduling needs. Topics vary weekly.



SPOTLIGHT

HERMANN FOKOU CHENDJOU

Computer Science



Meet Hermann Fokou Chendjou, a master's student in Computer Science at Bowie State University whose academic and leadership journey centers on global collaboration, sustainable innovation, and design thinking. Through his participation in the Global Solutions Sustainability Challenge (GSSC)—a virtual exchange program supported by the Stevens Initiative and the U.S. Department of State—Chendjou gained valuable experience working across cultures to solve real-world issues aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). As a student in the GSSC CXI cohort, he collaborated with international peers to design a community-centered innovation using the design thinking framework. His work emphasized empathy, problem definition, and ideation, and was presented through a structured poster in a binational team setting.

In the next phase, GSSC CXII, Chendjou served as a facilitator, guiding students through the design thinking process while encouraging dialogue around sustainability, cultural understanding, and teamwork. He led multiple binational Zoom sessions, supported students in defining social challenges, and coached them through developing sustainable solutions. Chendjou also earned Youth Essential Skills (YES) Badges in Cross-Cultural Communication and Virtual Collaboration, and played an active role in the program's global final showcase.

Chendjou's research and facilitation work emphasized human-centered design, storytelling, user interviews, and the use of virtual tools like Padlet and Zoom to enhance collaboration. His efforts helped foster respect and connection among students from the U.S., Iraq, and Jordan. Beyond GSSC, Chendjou serves as President of the International Student Association (ISA) at Bowie State, where he advocates for inclusive programming and support for international students. He has organized a variety of campus-wide initiatives, including cultural exchange workshops, academic resource sessions, and professional networking events that bring together students from different backgrounds. Chendjou also partners with campus departments and student leaders to promote global awareness, social inclusion, and peer mentorship. His dedication to building a strong, supportive international student community continues to shape his professional path and positively impact those around him.



Join the **RESEARCH READING CLUB: ENGAGING WITH SOCIALLY JUST RESEARCH METHODS!**

Hosted by Dr. Cox & Dr. McElroy



Are you passionate about equity in research?

Our research reading club operates like a book club but focuses on a single research article or chapter per meeting. This club provide a space for scholars to explore texts that challenge traditional paradigms and center socially just, community-engaged research methods.

Each session dives into thought-provoking readings that spark critical conversations about power, ethics, inclusion, and transformative research practices. Whether you're working on your dissertation or just beginning your doctoral journey, you'll find inspiration, connection, and thought provoking ideas. Come read, reflect, and reimagine research with us—one reading at a time.

Our first reading will be Eve Tuck's *Suspending Damage: A Letter to Communities*. "In this open letter, Eve Tuck calls on communities, researchers, and educators to reconsider the long-term impact of 'damage-centered' research—research that intends to document peoples' pain and brokenness to hold those in power accountable for their oppression.

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.



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