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Graduate Students Association (GSA)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Graduate School Orientation: August 14, 2008
- Graduate School Fair: September 18, 2008
- Preparing Future Faculty Fellows (PFF): October 2, 2008
- Meet and Greet Social: TBA
- Graduate Research Day: March 2009

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Meet the Dean



Dr. Percy Murray, has been the Graduate School's dean since February 2003. Murray is a North Carolina Central University (NCCU) alumni, earning both his bachelor's and master's degrees in history from the school.

He later earned a doctorate in history from Miami University. He

has been an NCCU history professor since 1979, spending 14 of those years as the department's chair. Murray previously worked as assistant professor and coordinator at Fayetteville State University.

He also is the author of several publications, including a two-volume set on "Black Women in America: An Historical Encyclopedia," published in 1993. In 1998, he received the UNC Board of Governors Award for Teaching Excellence, and in 1996, he received NCCU's Outstanding Teaching Award. Dr. Murray is currently serving as an Executive Board Member for The Council of Historically Black Graduate Schools.

Meet the Interim Associate Dean and GSA Advisor

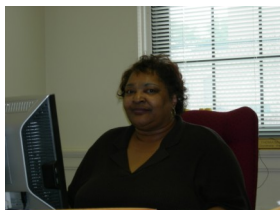


Dr. Wanda B. Coneal holds a joint appointment as the Interim Associate Dean of the School of Graduate Studies as well as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Curriculum, Instruction, and Professional Studies in the School of Education. She earned the

Ph.D. in Human Growth and Development from Vanderbilt University, the MS in Human Resources Administration from Central Michigan University, and the BA in Psychology from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. In continuing her education, Dr. Coneal has studied at Columbia University and at Cambridge University. Her primary

research focuses on the impact of school culture on high-achieving African American 12th-grade females and the college-choice decision making process. Prior to embarking on a career in higher education, Dr. Coneal earned respect and accolades while serving in the United States Army and during her employment as a manager with Frito-Lay, Inc.

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Thomasine O. Toxey is a native of Elizabeth City, North Carolina. She is a 1977 Graduate of Elizabeth City State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Education with a concentration in Accounting. Additionally, she holds a Masters of Public Administration from NCCU. Mrs. Toxey has been serving the NCCU community since 1977 in numerous capacities such as Grant Officer, Assistant to the Dean of College Arts and Sciences, Student Services Assistant, and currently the Graduate Admissions Coordinator. She is known to encourage all Graduate Students to take full advantage of all services rendered at NCCU.

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Ms. Pamela J. Allison is the Director of Enrolled Student Services. She received both her Bachelor's and Master's degree at Purdue University in English and Organization Communications. Ms. Allison is also an instructor in the Department of English and Mass Communications. She is a former member of the United States Air Force and is a recipient of the National Athena Award (Women in Management), Woman of the Year, Purdue University, and the North Stanley Optimist Trailblazer Award (first African American to integrate public schools in Stanley County, NC). She has been devoted to tutoring/mentoring students at Lakewood Elementary School in Durham, NC and has served as ESL instructor at the Durham County Library, Parkwood Branch. Among other things, she takes pride in being the NCCU representative for the Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship and urges all qualified first semester graduate students to apply.

NEED ASSISTANCE?

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Kimberly is a native of Durham, North Carolina. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Religion and Philosophy from Shaw University. Kimberly has a special interest in working with young adults. She plans to further her education by obtaining a Masters of Social Work degree. Graduate School.





15 TIPS for a SUCCESSFUL INTERVIEW

- 1. Know Yourself*
- 2. Know Your Field*
- 3. Research the University/Program*
- 4. Be Prepared for the Unusual*
- 5. Dress Professionally*
- 6. Be Punctual*
- 7. Be Cordial and Confident*
- 8. Be Specific in Your Answers*
- 9. Be Prepared to Answer Hypothetical, Problem-Solving, Situational or Research Related Questions*
- 10. Be Sincerely Interested*
- 11. Conclude Strongly*
- 12. Send a Thank You Letter and Forward Additional Materials Promptly*
- 13. Follow-Up*
- 14. Keep an Optimistic Outlook*
- 15. Use the Career Center*

FREE!!!FREE DIVERSITY TRAINING!!!FREE!!!

Interested in taking a free diversity training class? If so contact Ms. Tia Doxey by July 14, 2008, either at (919) 530-6227 or via e-mail tdoxey@nccu.edu. This is a 6 -hour training which would look great on your résumé or vita!!

Let Us Hear from You!

We're proud of our graduate students, alumni, and faculty accomplishments and want to share them in this newsletter. Please inform us of graduate-student workshops or activities, recent awards or any other special recognitions, promotions, and/or professional achievements. E-mail: GSA@nccu.edu or contact the GSA office at (919) 530-6126.

Send correspondence to: Graduate Students Association
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Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation will award graduate scholarships to help students with exceptional promise and demonstrated financial need reach their full potential through education. Each award will fund a portion of educational costs including tuition, fees, and living expenses for the graduate degree chosen. The maximum available amount per student, per year of study, is **\$50,000** and the maximum length is six years. This scholarship is only available to those entering into a graduate program for the first time. For more information, contact Ms.

Pamela Allison, at (919) 530-6785 or visit the website at www.jackkentcookefoundation.org.

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People to Know

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International Travel & Scholarships

The Office of International Affairs is currently seeking students who are interested in studying abroad. Several opportunities for study and cultural immersion in other countries await NCCU students. It is the aim of their office to encourage and support the introduction of an international dimension to teaching, research, and service activities. In addition, there are numerous scholarship opportunities available. Included in those being offered are: **the Fulbright Grant, the Boren Scholarships and Fellowship, the Critical Language Scholarships for Intensive Summer Institutes, the Winston Churchill Foundation Scholarships, and the Whitaker International Fellows and Scholars Program**, just a few to name. For more information, contact **Ms. Olivia Jones, Assistant Director of International Affairs, at (919) 530-7713** or **Dr. Emmanuel Oritsejafor at (919) 530-7912**.



All **TUTION** must be paid in full by August 1, 2008.

Applied for **HOUSING** yet? If not pay your \$150.00 deposit!

Are you conducting **RESEARCH** as a Graduate Student???

Did You Know...

NCCU was chartered in 1909 and opened in 1910 as the National Religious Training School and Chautauqua under the leadership of President James E. Shepard, a graduate of Shaw University and co-founder of North Carolina Mutual Bank.

Suffering financial troubles, the school reorganized in 1915 as the National Training School and again in 1923, when it was acquired by the state of North Carolina and renamed Durham State Normal School.

In 1925, the state redefined the school's mission, turning it into a four-year liberal arts college, the North Carolina College for Negroes (NCC), the first state-supported African-American liberal arts college in the United States.

The college opened its first professional graduate programs in law (1940) and library science (1941). In 1947, the college was renamed North Carolina College at Durham. In the same year, founding president James Shepard died after having headed the school for nearly 40 years.

The college received its current title, North Carolina Central University, in 1969. The name "Central" was picked in order to keep the school's initials "NCC".

Express News

Be on the lookout for a **Meet-and-Greet** for new and returning students in the fall. More information will be available in coming weeks.

Students, it is very important to check your school email. Information that is vitally important to your progress as a graduate student will be sent to you there.

Join our **FACEBOOK** group called: NCCU Graduate Student Association

The Graduate School Association (GSA) looks forward to working with all graduate students and welcomes all new ideas. There will be an **Interest Meeting** in the fall for all those who would like to become involved in this organization. If you would like to know more information, contact Billy Bryant or Jason Dorseter at (919) 530-6126.

"Today is the beginning of the rest of your life."

Starting NOW!!!

-George G. Bloomer