

Jackson Heart Study Graduate Training and Education Center Jackson State University

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Rashida Albeely, MD, MPH. As a Public Health Professional, Dr. Albeely has always been interested in chronic diseases especially cardiovascular research. She is an enthusiastic public health professional with solid background and education in epidemiology, biostatistics, and developing and evaluating programs. Dr. Albeely earned her Bachelor and Doctor of Medicine degrees from First St. Petersburg School of Medicine in Russia. She worked as a MD at different hospitals in Sudan, and received her Master of Public Health from Jackson State University, with an emphasis in Epidemiology and Biostatistics.

Currently, she is enrolled in the DrPh Program at Jackson State University. Her research interests are in the areas of chronic diseases, especially cardiovascular diseases and infectious disease control and prevention.



Milton Dawkin, Jr. is a third year graduate student in the Doctor of Clinical Psychology Degree Program at Jackson State University. He received his master's degree in psychological science from the University of Central Missouri and his bachelor's degree in Psychology and African American Studies from the Ohio State University. Milton's research interests include suicide (suicidal behaviors, factors that influence one to attempt suicide, and attitudes toward suicidal individuals), trauma, health disparities among African Americans, and psychological and psychosocial issues that influence

cardiovascular health (e.g., depression, social support, shame, stress, etc.). His career goal is to implement interventions that will improve the quality of life.



Adriane Vann, M.H.S.A. is a native of Jackson, Mississippi. She holds a B.S. in Chemistry and Biology (*cum laude*) from Alcorn State University in Lorman, Mississippi, and a master's in Health Services Administration from Mississippi College in Clinton, Mississippi. She is currently pursuing her Doctor of Public Health degree with a concentration in Health Policy and Management at Jackson State University in Jackson, Mississippi. Her areas of interest in research include health literacy and social and environmental determinants of

health and patient-provider relationships. Mrs. Vann is an active volunteer within the community, having worked with the Mississippi Center for Nonprofits and has gained experience working with both state and private healthcare agencies including the Mississippi State Hospital as well as the Mississippi Primary Healthcare Association. After graduating, Mrs. Vann plans to pursue a career as a healthcare administrator.

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James Fisher, M.A., is a second-year doctoral student in Jackson State University's Clinical Psychology PhD Program. Originally from Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania, James earned his Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education, English from Clarion University of Pennsylvania. He taught English as a Second Language in the People's Republic of China and in Taiwan before moving to New York City. He earned his Master of Arts in Psychology from New York University. He was a Research Coordinator for neuroimaging studies in Mount Sinai School of Medicine's Department of Psychiatry and devised recruitment and retention strategies for industry-sponsored pharmaceutical research in Montefiore Medical Center's Office of Clinical Trials. James has an interest in the cardiovascular outcomes of perceived injustice and racial discrimination. His most recent study ("Inward- and Outward-Focused Affective Responses to Subjective Appraisals of Distributive and Procedural Injustice in Undergraduate African American Students at a Historically Black College/University (HBCU)") is an examination of the role that procedural justice considerations play in the affective responses of Black and African American undergraduates to varying hypothetical conditions of fairness. Through his recent externship at Boswell Regional Center, James has also begun an investigation of the demographic and psychiatric correlates of Intellectual Disability Disorder (IDD) diagnoses at Mississippi state mental health facilities, with an emphasis on the prevalence of trauma in IDD populations