



**College of Liberal Arts and
Social Sciences**

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Presentation to the
ASU Board of Trustees**

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Vision for the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

- ▶ Create a stronger CLASS identity
- ▶ Grow programs and create centers of excellence
- ▶ Support research and creative endeavors of faculty and students
- ▶ Engage in critical hiring of diverse and inclusive national and international faculty, staff, administrators, and trainers
- ▶ Increase fund raising and find new sources of revenue
- ▶ Create new student, staff, and faculty advisory groups
- ▶ Find, grow, and build new community partnerships
- ▶ Implement New Student Success Initiatives

Grants & Scholarly Activities :

- ▶ Morgan State Blockchain Grant - \$10,000, Dr. Ashley Thomas (Communications)
- ▶ Alabama Broadcasters Association Scholarship Fellowship - \$50,000 (Communications)
- ▶ #metoo Fellowships: Dr. Shane Shaw, Ms. Ashata K. Mumpfield and BSW student, Nina Kirkland (Various awards - Social Work)
- ▶ NEH Creative Writing Fellowship Grant - Jacqueline Allen Trimble - \$25,000
- ▶ NIH/NIGMS Psychology Grant Dr. Tina Vazin and Dr. Marcia Rossi - \$100,000+
- ▶ IPERT/NIH HBCU Consortium to Promote Biomedical Research and Training (in submission)
- ▶ NEH HBCU Humanities Grant - Dr. Kathaleen Amende - Center of Excellence in the Humanities Grant -\$100,000.00 - Dr. Amende (in Submission)
- ▶ *Statistics Training and Research (STAR) Center/Laboratory Grant* - \$335,000 (in submission) - Psychology
- ▶ **Scholarly Activities in 2020-2021**
 - ▶ 5 articles in peer reviewed journals
 - ▶ 6 books and monographs
 - ▶ 8 book chapters
 - ▶ 22 Conferences and Proceedings publications
 - ▶ 44 virtual presentations and conferences

Notable Accomplishments of the College

- ▶ Participation in the Whataburger Resource Room and Expanded Food Pantry for Students
- ▶ Participation in the Reebok Human Rights Award Program
- ▶ Initial Creation of the CLASS Leadership Institute
- ▶ Establishment and first session of the Bi-Annual Tanisha Pughsley Criminal Justice Forum including community partners
- ▶ Partnership with Jones Group/NBPLA for Lobbying Certification and Policy Institute
- ▶ 2 Faculty Members awarded Fulbright Teaching Fellowships in the Caribbean and Africa
- ▶ Various Departmental Recognitions including “Top Social Work Departments in Alabama” and “Top Criminal Justice Departments at State Colleges” awards from various College review sites
- ▶ Partnership with Case Western Reserve University for Law Student Enrollments for ASU students
- ▶ Partnership with Humanities Center at University of Miami for ASU CLASS students for cross-visitations
- ▶ Partnerships with Equal Justice Initiative, The National Center for Bioethics in Research and Health Care, and the Alabama AFL-CIO for the History MA Program

Student Achievements

- ▶ At least 70 Students (just those reported) have begun PhD and/or Masters programs at University of Maryland, University of Loyola, American University, Northwestern, the University of Alabama, Auburn, Harvard, Princeton, and other highly selective and competitive schools
- ▶ Jarred Thompson is the 2020 winner of the Afritondo prize in creative writing for his published writings
- ▶ David Stephens received his Ph.D. and has taken a tenure track job teaching English and Film at the University of Memphis.
- ▶ Alexis Thackurdin received her J.D. from Penn State, and has taken a job as a lawyer in Dallas, Texas.
- ▶ Josh Wilkinson (2021 grad) has been chosen by Teach for America.
- ▶ Many participated in virtual conferences as presenters
- ▶ The peer-reviewed Journal of Undergraduate and Ethnic Minorities in Psychology was published by the Department of Psychology and its faculty and students
- ▶ The peer-reviewed Dark River Review Writing Journal was published by the Department of Languages and Literatures and its faculty and student workers

Updates on New Programs

- ▶ **Clinical Psychology MS:** Paperwork in process, in conjunction with Graduate School, based on both list of needed jobs in Alabama and Gray Associates program viability study
- ▶ **MA in Dance Movement Therapy:** In Preparatory Stage with Brenau University and ASU Social Work Department
- ▶ **Planned MA/MS 4+1 Graduate Programs:**
 - ▶ English 4+1 program with MA in English
 - ▶ Psychology 4+1 program with MA in Psychology
 - ▶ Psychology of Social Justice 4+1 with MS
- ▶ **Masters in Applied Social Sciences (Approved, moving forward)**
- ▶ **Certifications** in process, based on Gray & Associates Viability Studies, in: Health Communications, Integrated Communications and Media Management, Cybersecurity and Law Enforcement, Criminal Justice, Lobbying, History of Black Labor, Public History, ESL, Social Justice in Psychology, Clinical Psychology

What's Next

- ▶ Implementation of New Programs
- ▶ Humanities Center of Excellence Grant - NEH
- ▶ Continuation of Creation of Leadership Institute
- ▶ Increasing Fundraising Efforts
- ▶ Partnerships with organizations in the community (Law Enforcement, Humanities organizations, Internship opportunities, EJI, etc.)
- ▶ Creation of CLASS Academic Awards in Research and Creative Activity and University Service for both Students and Faculty

Questions