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News From Our Dean

It is a great honor and pleasure for me to welcome new and returning students to Harris-Stowe State University for the spring 2015 semester.

The College of Arts & Sciences (CAS) at HSSU is comprised of three departments: the Department of Humanities; the Department of Social & Behavioral Sciences; and the Department of Mathematics & Natural Sciences. The CAS has an excellent group of highly qualified and astute professors who are extremely dedicated and committed to students' success.

As an academic unit of the University, CAS fulfills two roles for students. It provides the general education course offerings for all students. Its general education curriculum lays a solid foundation for students to succeed in their major fields. Additionally, CAS offers baccalaureate degree programs in Biological Sciences, Criminal Justice, Mathematics, Professional Interdisciplinary Studies and Urban Affairs.

Through a collaborative partnership with Saint Louis University (SLU), CAS also offers dual degree programs in Mathematics/Civil Engineering, Mathematics/Computer Engineering, Mathematics/Mechanical Engineering and Mathematics/Interdisciplinary Engineering. These are respectively 3+3 and 3+2 programs. Participants in these programs will earn two degrees, a degree in mathematics from HSSU and an engineering degree from SLU. For more information on the requirements for each of these degrees, please contact the appropriate department at HSSU.

It is anticipated that by fall 2015, CAS will offer additional degree programs in urban ecology, psychology, communications and political science.

The faculty of the CAS are here to help all students succeed in their educational pursuits; yet a greater responsibility for your success still lies on you, the student. I urge you to be determined to work hard and cooperatively with all of your professors so that you can enjoy learning and achieve your educational goals.

For students who are interested in majoring in mathematics and biological sciences, we have an undergraduate research program to challenge and strengthen your ability to excel in these disciplines. This program is open to students who have completed at least two years of study in their respective area of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). Participants will receive a stipend that ranges from \$1000 to \$3000 depending on the length of time the research takes. I encourage all students majoring in STEM to apply to this program. Many students have participated in this program and have made themselves and HSSU proud of their accomplishments. Some participants have produced outstanding research and attended/ presented their results at various local, regional and national conferences. Some students have also won awards for their outstanding research. How cool is that? Additionally, at least six of our recent STEM graduates are currently in graduate school.

I personally welcome all students to come and explore degree options offered by CAS. I am extremely proud to share the CAS as the intellectual center of Harris-Stowe State University. I always welcome the opportunity to meet with you. Thank you and have a successful spring 2015 semester.

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*Dr. Lateef Adelani
Dean, College of Arts & Sciences*



HUMANITIES NEWS

DEPARTMENT CHAIR SPOTLIGHT: Douglas Spence: Department of Humanities



*Douglas Spence
Chair, Department of
Humanities*

Greetings Harris-Stowe Family,

Once again we come upon this time to celebrate wonderful events that are taking place at our esteemed University. As chair of the Department of Humanities, I would like for you to seriously consider enrolling in courses offered by the College of Arts & Sciences.

Additionally, I would like to take this time to introduce you to some of our new adjunct faculty members who joined us in the fall 2014 semester.

Jason Bollinger	Philosophy
Byron Lee	English
Rozina Little	English
Debra Powell	English
Bryan Stagner	Philosophy
Anita Watkins-Stevens	Music
Bob Sullivan	Art
Richard Wade	Music
Toni Hayes	Art (2013)

We welcome them to our illustrious institution and applaud them for their wonderful contributions to our students!

Our departments are supported by our excellent staff members. I would like to spotlight Veneesa Jones, Lorine Purham, Dr. Tommie Turner and Marilyn Williams. Thank you for your assistance and support of the art area.

Presently I am resurrecting the Art Club. HSSU student Joseph Caine has been appointed president and HSSU student Kendra Sigh is the appointed vice president. As a member of the Art Club, students will create art for exhibits and competitions. This year's members will also visit the Peabody Opera House and the Fox Theater to learn how stage sets are designed and study the intricacies of costume design. Any student who feels that they have creative energies is welcome to join our club. This invitation extends to anyone who feels they are curious about the world of the visual creative arts.

Currently I am in conversations with McGraw-Hill developing an online art course. The course will be titled Introduction to Art or Art Appreciation and is anticipated to be offered in the fall 2015 semester.

The bi-annual "Student Art Show" is scheduled to be hung in the Dr. Henry Givens Jr. Administration Building and the Emerson Performance Center in the coming weeks. We have very talented students at our University. Come and view their art!

Finally, the Art Department appreciates feedback. You may text, Instagram, tweet, email or just write a note and forward it to spenced@hssu.edu.



Douglas Spence (center) with HSSU art students and their work.



SPEECH AND THEATER



Beverly Brennan
Director of Speech & Theater

Beverly Brennan, director of Speech and Theater, continues to exemplify what is meant by professional development. On September 25, she attended the Washington University Edison Theatre Black Rep production of “Purlie” with 25 HSSU students. She reported that it was a great show and that the students truly benefitted from their attendance. At the end of November she and her students attended “A Raisin in the Sun” produced by the St. Louis Black Rep. This production took place on the HSSU campus.

Mrs. Brennan also directed a show starring three time Emmy winner Bobby Norfolk in September. Mr. Norfolk also appeared as a guest artist in the HSSU fall play, “Jazz Jive and Jam” on November 14 and 15 at the Emerson Performance Center Bank of America Theatre which featured the writings of Langston Hughes.

Mrs. Brennan also performed a one-woman show at the Kranzberg Arts Center on November 22. This was a tribute to Doris Day with stories, humor and song called “A Night with Day.” Ticket sales benefitted the Humane Society of Missouri.

Additionally, as a member of the American Association of Theatre Education (AATE) she attended the AATE conference, “Theatre for Youth” in New York in January 2015.

On the horizon, the HSSU Players will host Ervin Williams, a former student, in his original show called “The Messenger” on April 10, 2015. Gregory S. Carr and Mrs. Brennan will produce “Speechapoloosa” in May featuring their most outstanding speech students.

Finally, Mr. Carr, Dr. Reynaldo Anderson and Mrs. Brennan have designed a new communications degree program and Mrs. Brennan is working on a MAC grant for theater with Heather Bostic.

GREGORY S. CARR PRESENTS

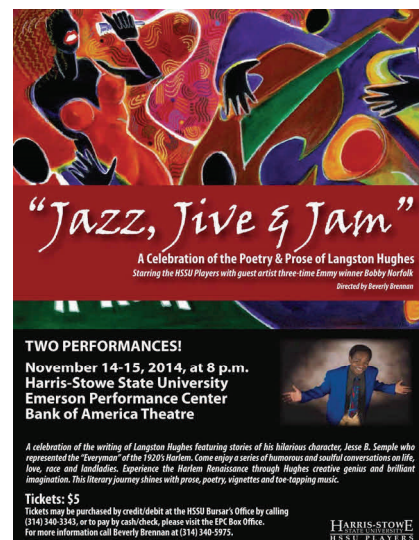
The Department of Speech and Theater was off to a great start during the fall 2014 semester. As previously noted, on November 14th-15th Beverly Brennan directed a lively production titled “Jazz, Jive, and Jam” featuring the poetry and writings of the poet laureate of the Harlem Renaissance, Langston Hughes. The cast, which was mostly comprised of Mrs. Brennan’s Theatre Appreciation class, performed their parts admirably and with great energy. Kudos to Mrs. Brennan for excellent fall production!

In the spring, the Harris-Stowe Players will perform some original works by award-winning playwright Gregory S. Carr. The production is tentatively titled “Diaspora Dystopia” that will feature two one-act plays from the literary genre of Afrofuturism. The first one-act, “The Nth Degree” will tackle the issue of domestic violence in the 22nd century. The second one-act, “Watch



Gregory S. Carr
Instructor of Speech & Theater

Night” will deal with the erosion of civil rights for African-Americans in 2062. Afrofuturism, a nomenclature termed by cultural arts critic Mark Dery in 1994, defines the genre as “speculative fiction that treats African-American themes and addresses African-American concerns in the context of 20th century technoculture – and more generally, African-American signification that appropriates images of technology and a prosthetically enhanced – might, for want of a better term, be called ‘Afro-futurism’” (“Black to the Future”). It should be noted that we are fortunate to have one of the premier scholars of Afrofuturism at Harris-Stowe State University, Dr. Reynaldo Anderson. Dr. Anderson has been instrumental in nurturing this project and mentoring individuals into its importance, while establishing the genre into a thriving cultural arts movement in the same vein as the Harlem Renaissance of the 1920s and the Black Arts Movement of the 1960s.





*Nancy Popkin
Instructor of English*

PRAXIS REVIEW—TUTORING IS THE KEY

Last spring four students came to me and asked the following question: “Mrs. Popkin, we are all getting ready to take the English PRAXIS exam, so would you tutor us before we do?” The English exam is quite difficult because there are infinite authors and writings, not to mention writing rules, as well as grammar rules. Traditionally, the passing rate has been very low because students take it “cold turkey” without any preparation. But, these students were eager to pass, so they were going about it the right way. Of course, I agreed to help.

We met every Tuesday and Thursday from 3-4:30 p.m. for five months at the library. First, they took a pre-test to determine their ability- level. Then I taught them test-taking strategies. The test has 150 questions, and students only get just under a minute to respond to each one. Some students were unable to finish in time. Below a paragraph, there is a question. For example, “Which line in the paragraph contains a fragment?” I suggested that they always read the question first to know what they are looking for. Then read the numbered lines in the paragraph, so that once they saw the fragment, they could stop reading, mark the answer and speed on to the next question. Lastly, we would read and study the most famous authors from different eras,

starting with the Classical age through the Contemporary period. To supplement, we would watch videos on the authors and eras.

Two of the four students had failed the test nine times each. After three months, these students quit coming, but I learned they took the test again and failed again. Two of the students had not taken it yet, and they continued to come to the study periods. At the end of the semester, one student took the test and passed the first time. The other student is not going to take it until his senior year. The first two students took the test again a few months later, and I am delighted to report **THEY PASSED!** Now they are able to teach. **TUTORING IS THE KEY!**



HSSU CONCERT CHORALE

Harris-Stowe State University’s Concert Chorale presented its fall program “Spirituals, Gospel and Jazz!” on December 2, 2014. This event took place in the Emerson Performance Center Bank of America Theatre and was a great success. As always, it was free and open to the public. Songs performed included “Total Praise,” words and music by Richard Smallwood, “Seek Ye First” arranged by Oscar Williams, and “Joyful, Joyful” arranged by Mervyn Warren and from Touchstone Pictures “Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit.” HSSU was fortunate to have Amanda Orzel as special guest. Concert Chorale participants included Jocelyn Washington, Samiyah Beyah, Mallissa Mobley, Dante Kelly, La’Ron Riley, Jerica Coleman, Joshua Thames, Aaron Bobinson, Sidney Brown, Britney Hayes and Tiara Carter.





MATHEMATICS & NATURAL SCIENCES NEWS

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT: DR. PODLESKI

Mathematics graduate Aleksandra Ceric and Dr. Podleski presented at the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) regional meeting in Indianapolis. The presentation, “Cooperative Development of Math Manipulative for 3-D Visualization in Calculus” was based on Aleksandra’s work while a student at HSSU. She graduated with a B.S. in Mathematics and is currently working as a mathematics tutor in the Academic Resource Center (ARC) at Harris-Stowe.



*Dr. Jonathan Corbett
Chair, Department of
Mathematics &*

Mathematics majors Kevin Jones and Deodat Kimuene along with Dr. Podleski attended the Field of Dreams Conference in Phoenix, Arizona. This conference is sponsored by the National Alliance for Doctoral Studies in the Mathematical Sciences. The Field of Dreams Conference introduces potential graduate students to graduate programs in the mathematical sciences at Alliance schools as well as professional opportunities in these fields. Scholars spend time with faculty mentors from the Alliance schools, get advice on graduate school applications and attend seminars on graduate school preparation and expectations as well as career seminars. Dr. Podleski serves as a pre-doctoral mentor for Kevin Jones and Deodat Kimuene through the Alliance and these two students also each have a doctoral mentor who is a mathematics faculty at a graduate school that is affiliated with the Alliance.

The National Alliance for Doctoral Studies in the Mathematical Sciences was born among math and statistics faculty at the three Iowa Regents Universities: Iowa State University, the University of Iowa and the University of Northern Iowa. Graduate departments that have chosen to be a part of the Alliance have a commitment to become places where all students, particularly those American students who have traditionally been underrepresented in the math sciences, may thrive. These departments are in the process of building strong ties with mentors at minority serving institutions, and strive to know their students. Although the roots were in Iowa, the Alliance has formed graduate program groups in about 30 mathematical sciences doctoral departments from around the country that share similar successes and values.



Dr. Ann Podleski and Aleksandra Ceric



Pictured left to right (both photos) Kevin Jones, Dr. Ann Podleski and Deodat Kimuene



SPOTLIGHT ON FACULTY: DR. JANA MARCETTE



*Dr. Jana Marcette
Assistant Professor
of Biology*

On September 22, Dr. Marcette gave an invited research seminar on her work involving the morphology and maintenance of neurons using *C. elegans* to the Missouri University of Science and Technology Biology Department in Rolla. During this trip, she also had a series of meetings with biology faculty and with the chairs of the Biology and Mathematics Departments. Several faculty members and both chairs spoke about creating a summer research partnership for HSSU students interested in the interface of biology and mathematics.

THE INSITUTE FOR SCIENCE & MATHEMATICS

Congratulations to the 2014 Science & Mathematics Academy participants and welcome to Hornet nation! The scholars began their STEM academic journey at Harris-Stowe State University with an orientation program. Captain Alexis Johnson, a civil engineer by training and an AMC military construction manager, Engineering Division, Air Mobility Command at Scott Air Force Base, IL, served as the keynote speaker. Dr. Craig Smith, biology lecturer at Washington University in St. Louis presented STEM career opportunities during the annual White Lab Coat Induction ceremony. Thanks to both for their informative presentations.

During the academy, the scholars were engaged in a variety of STEM related activities taught by various Harris-Stowe State University faculty members; attended presentations from guest lecturers; and engaged in weekly STEM field experiences. Once again, Sandra Burton and the members of the Boeing-St. Louis Aerospace Alumni Chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers graciously hosted a “meet and greet” reception for the academy students. I also appreciate the contributions of the STEM Advisory Board members: Lawrence Nwachukwu, PE; Travis Pryor; Drs. Celerstine Johnson, Seqwana Pryor, Craig Smith and Donald Lawrence.

Finally, the scholars ended the academy by showcasing their respective group projects at the Science Expo. Christopher Hicks, senior EHS engineer for Sensient Technologies Corporation, served as the keynote speaker. I appreciate Mr. Hicks for attending the closing ceremony and celebrating with us.

The 2014 Science & Mathematics Academy participants are off to a great start matriculating at Harris-Stowe State University. Scholars, the preparations for a STEM career are arduous but rewarding tasks. Study hard and invest in your own academic future because the sky is the limit.



Dr. Tommie Turner (front center) with the 2014 Science & Mathematics Academy Participants





HSSU ATTENDS THE 2014 SILICON VALLEY HBCU ICE SUMMIT

Harris-Stowe State University is honored to announce five delegates were invited to attend the 2014 Silicon Valley Historically Black Colleges and Universities Innovation, Commercialization and Entrepreneurship (ICE) Summit November 13-17, 2014, in Silicon Valley, Calif. The event was hosted by the United Negro College Fund (UNCF), Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU) and White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (WHI-HBCU).

The HSSU delegates who attended this year's ICE Summit are Candies Wilson, information technology major; Ciarra Evans, mathematics major; Dr. Tommie Turner, director of the Institute for Science & Mathematics; Dr. Diane Smoot, associate professor of computer education/computer science; and Dr. Fatemeh Zakery, dean of the Anheuser-Busch School of Business.

The summit comprised of both public and private HBCUs, is a multi-year event focused on identifying best practices for university-based innovation, commercialization and entrepreneurship; aligning research and development on HBCU campuses with industry; and connecting HBCUs to local and regional innovation ecosystems.

"I was informed about the progressive 2014 HBCU Innovation Summit and the collaborative tech opportunities for HBCUs by Dr. John Michael Lee Jr., at the APLU," stated Dr. Tommie Turner. "I greatly appreciate Dr. Chad Womack and Ms. Carita Marrow at the UNCF for their gracious invitation. I am excited that Harris-Stowe was represented at this year's summit and the potential outcomes from the discussions."

Two major themes were focused on at this year's conference. The first, Pathways for Success: computer science education and tech-workforce development in the information technology (IT) sector included discussions on the status and performance of computer science education on university campuses, and exploring and implementing innovative models for computer science education. This component also included a student tech-empowerment workshop held at both Google and Facebook headquarters. The second, Building Sustainable HBCU Innovation Ecosystems, addressed building sustainable innovation ecosystems on university campuses that are networked across the HBCU landscape. The summit concluded with a leadership roundtable on tech-diversity and inclusion.



The HSSU 2014 Silicon Valley HBCU ICE Summit delegates (front row from left) Candies Wilson and Ciarra Evans; (back row from left) Dr. Fatemeh Zakery, Dr. Diane Smoot and Dr. Tommie Turner



COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES 2013-2014 GRADUATE RECEPTION

The College of Arts & Sciences Faculty celebrated the graduation of its 39 students by hosting a festive reception on May 15, 2014, in the William L. Clay Sr. Early Childhood Education Parenting/Development Center.

The program included opening and welcome remarks by the Assistant Dean Dr. Charlene L. Jones, former Interim President Constance Gully, Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Dwayne Smith, and Chairperson of the Humanities Department Douglas Spence. Graduates were individually recognized by the Chairperson of Mathematics & Natural Sciences Dr. Jonathan Corbett, and Chairperson of Social & Behavioral Sciences Terry Daily Davis. Each graduate was presented with a leather-bound HSSU portfolio and a HSSU Hornet lapel pin. Remarks on behalf of the graduates were delivered by biology graduate Diamond Kelly.

Each graduate was permitted to bring two guests. The cost for this reception was covered through contributions from both full-time and adjunct faculty, which also covered the HSSU mementos.

The outstanding committee that organized the reception on behalf of the CAS faculty included Thomas Brown, Adolphus Hardy, Dr. Gary Higgs, Dr. Charlene Jones and Dr. Ann Podleski.



Biology graduate Diamond Kelly delivers remarks.



Students are recognized by faculty for their great accomplishment of completing their degree program.



Criminal Justice program students are recognized by faculty for their great accomplishment of completing their degree program.



Pictured left to right: Faculty members Thomas Brown, Dr. Diane Smoot and Terry Daily Davis



SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES NEWS

CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

Criminal Justice Instructor Adolphus Hardy is pleased to announce that Harris-Stowe State University student Patrick Melvin received an internship with the Ferguson, Missouri Police Department. Melvin is a senior Criminal Justice major and is following the path of his dad. His father is the police chief of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community in Scottsdale, Arizona. Ferguson's Assistant Chief of Police Allen Eickhoff, is pleased to have Melvin as an intern. His internship began in January 2015.



*Terry Daily Davis
Chairperson, Social &
Behavioral Sciences*

Mary Steinhoff, RN, MSN, and Regional RESPECT coordinator and Toni Jordan, a speaker for the Missouri Department of Mental Health's RESPECT Institute, spoke with members of the Introduction to Corrections class. "RESPECT" is a movement begun by international consultant Joel Slack to help educate the public by telling his personal story of the powerful impact that respect (and disrespect) has on a person recovering from a mental illness. Slack developed the RESPECT Institute, which began in Missouri, to teach individuals who have mental illnesses to share their personal stories of recovery with public audiences, leading to a better public understanding of mental illness and related issues. RESPECT speakers offer insight into the ways "general attitudes may affect the success or failure of the lives of people who face mental illnesses." Ms. Jordan shared her story of how she recovered from crack addiction, spent time in prison and is now working as a peer specialist.

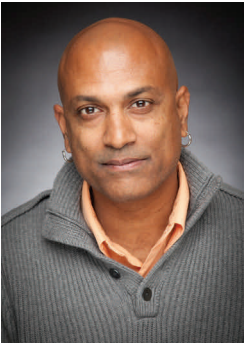


*Adolphus Hardy
Instructor of
Criminal Justice*

Harris-Stowe State University senior and Criminal Justice major Patrick Melvin received an internship with the Ferguson, Missouri Police Department.



PANEL DISCUSSION ON FERGUSON



*Dr. Sudarsan Kant
Assistant Professor of
Political Science*

Dr. Kant is pleased to announce that Dr. Reynaldo Anderson organized a panel discussion around the events in Ferguson, Missouri on August 20, 2014, at Harris-Stowe State University titled “A Community in Turmoil: How did we get here and how do we break the cycle?” The fatal shooting of Michael Brown by police in Ferguson resulted in days of protest and unrest and shone an unwelcome light on St. Louis and the surrounding municipalities. Harris-Stowe, under the leadership of President Warmack, responded to the turmoil engulfing our region by providing a platform for people to come together and reflect on the many difficult issues that the tragedy in Ferguson had exposed. The public forum at Harris-Stowe focused on issues of political leadership and representation, economic empowerment and opportunity, and the role of education in our community. Speakers included former St. Louis Police Chief Dr. Dan Isom, Mike Jones from the Missouri State Board of Education, Anti-Racism activist Tim Wise, St. Louis Treasurer Tishaura Jones, Tony Thompson from KWAME Building Group, and faculty and student representatives from Harris-Stowe. As a participant on the forum, it reminded Dr. Kant once again why Harris-Stowe is an integral part of our community. So many of our citizens look to institutions like ours to help them navigate through these troubling times through education, training, and a public exchange of ideas.



*Dr. Reynaldo Anderson
Assistant Professor*



Panelist left to right: Mike Jones, Tim Wise and Jazminique Holley



Panelist left to right: Dr. Stefan Bradley, Honorable Theodore Hoskins, Rev. Ken McCoy and Dr. Michelle McClure



The audience is captivated by the discussion during the panel discussion.

POLITICAL SCIENCE PROGRAM

These are exciting times for the Department of Social & Behavioral Sciences as members of the department are on par to introduce a new major in Political Science for fall 2015. Most of the preliminary work has been done and a student survey completed in the department indicates a strong interest in a Political Science major. Political Science faculty look forward to working with their colleagues in the department as well as across the disciplines to provide more academic choices for our students and prepare them well for life beyond Harris-Stowe.



DEPARTMENT CHAIR SPOTLIGHT: Terry Daily Davis: Social & Behavioral Sciences

The Social & Behavioral Sciences Department is proud to announce that recent graduate Christopher M. Pate now has a full-time job as a life transformation coach with Connections to Success, a nonprofit organization that provides a comprehensive network of services and support to help people living in poverty to become economically self-sufficient. Chris, a fall 2014 graduate of the Professional Interdisciplinary Studies degree program with an emphasis in English, Educational Studies and Sociology completed an internship with Connections to Success before receiving this position. This job is a perfect fit for Chris, as he was seeking a career that would allow him to help others through counseling, mentoring or case management. He serves as a mentor, coach and a role model for many of the clients he works with. His duties and responsibilities include co-facilitating a personal and professional development class and job coaching sessions.

Please join the department in congratulating him for a job well done.



*Terry Daily Davis
Chairperson, Social &
Behavioral Sciences*



*Alumnus Christopher M. Pate joins Connections to Success
as a life transformation coach.*



URBAN AFFAIRS STUDENTS ACTIVE IN SERVICE-LEARNING



*Dr. Mark Abbott
Professor of History*

Service learning is the concept where course curricula and student learning outcomes are tied to community based projects. Urban Studies is naturally suited to the approach and Urban Affairs Professor Dr. Mark Abbott has become a major fan over the last four years. During the fall semester he really went all out tying his courses to service learning projects.

In **The City in American History**, Dr. Abbott's students completed a neighborhood history for a neighborhood association in the West End. Looking at the history of the West End in 20 year chunks, Dr. Abbott's students acquired the primary concepts of American Urban History through the history of this fascinating neighborhood. One of the first neighborhoods to integrate after World War II, the West End is an ideal case study on the role of race in the transformation of the American city.

In **Megatrends and the Future of the City**, Urban Affairs students were even more immersed in service learning. Megatrends students did a series of "Best Practices Reports" for member associations of the St. Louis Association of Community Organizations (SLACO). Students researched what other cities across the country were doing about everything from prostitution to abandoned property. At the conclusion of the semester, the students gave a presentation to the SLACO board.

Grant Writing students were also involved in community based projects. One student worked on a master proposal for the St. Louis African-American Aldermanic Foundation. Another wrote a proposal to fund after school programming for a junior football league. One even completed a proposal to find money to help repurpose HSSU's gyms.

So as you can see what makes service-learning so powerful is that students are not only busy learning course material, they are applying it to real community needs. Only at Harris-Stowe where classes are small do students have the opportunity to have such a "hands-on" experience.



HSSU students in action as they execute their service learning projects.



CONSTITUTION DAY—A GREAT SUCCESS!



*Dr. Charlene Jones
Moderator*

September 17, 2014, was National Constitution Day. To commemorate this historic event the Harris-Stowe Department of Social & Behavioral Sciences hosted a distinguished panel of guest speakers. The riveting topic was "The First Amendment and the Right to Assemble and Protest." In view of the civil unrest and rioting in Ferguson, Mo. the topic was especially timely and relevant.

The panel featured Adolphus Pruitt II, president of the St. Louis City NAACP; Attorney Anthony Gray for the Michael Brown family; Attorney Rufus Tate Jr.; Attorney Jeffrey Mittman, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU); Attorney Denise Liberman of the Advancement Project-Voter Protection Program; and Attorney Shira Truitt.

More than 200 students and faculty attended the event in the Emerson Performance Center at HSSU. Information was presented by the panelists on such topics as civil disobedience, the level of force police officers may legally use, and how to conduct yourself when stopped by the police.

The spirited discussion was motivated by the student's questions. Additionally, students were provided copies of "Know Your Rights" published by the Mound City Bar Association; "Just Permanent Interests" authored by former Congressman William "Bill" Clay; and the United States Constitution.

The Constitution Day planning committee consisted of Attorney Carla Allen, Professor Gregory S. Carr, Department Chairperson Terry Daily-Davis, Dr. Charlene Jones, Dr. Sudarsan Kant and Brenda Talbot.



Pictured left to right: Constitution Day panelist; Attorney Jeffrey Mittman, Dr. Charlene Jones and Dr. Sudarsan Kant; the Constitution Day students and faculty attendees listening during the program.



SPOTLIGHT ON ALUMNI—DR. THOM HOERR

The HSSU community is proud that Dr. Tom Hoerr is one of its alumnus. Dr. Hoerr received his bachelor of arts degree from Harris Teachers College in 1968. He subsequently earned a master's degree from the University of Missouri-St. Louis and a doctorate from Washington University. Dr. Hoerr also received an honorary doctorate from HSSU in 2010.

Dr. Hoerr taught in the St. Louis Public Schools and the Mehlville School District. Later he was appointed elementary principal in the University City School District and for the past 34 years he has been principal at New City School in St. Louis. Dr. Hoerr has written four books and more than 100 articles. For the past decade his column "The Principal Connection" has been published in *Educational Leadership*. He also founded and directed the Nonprofit Management Program at Washington University.

Dr. Hoerr reflects fondly on his years at Harris-Stowe. "I so appreciate the opportunity and education given to me at Harris-Stowe. We were all well prepared to walk into a classroom and make a positive difference for our students."

It Takes a Village...

THE COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES FACULTY



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2014 Graduates