

AAMRI: Black Male Excellence Redefined



The UT African American Male Research Initiative (AAMRI) is a faculty-led academic initiative rooted in evidence-based practices to promote academic excellence among African American males. AAMRI includes a research focus, too, that informs public policy experts, practitioners, and concerned citizens on how best to create and maintain a culture of Black male excellence in K-16 settings. This research guides

our hands-on practical approach to help AAMRI achieve its major goals: to increase the four-year graduation rate for African American males at the University of Texas and to increase the number of Black males attending four-year colleges and universities across the state of Texas.

Housed in the Division of Diversity and Community Engagement, AAMRI partners with local and national organizations such as the Todd A. Bell National Resource Center for the African American Male

at the Ohio State University, Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, 100 Black Men, the African American Youth Harvest Foundation, the University of Texas Chapter of the Student African American Brotherhood (SAAB), and the men of the W.E.B. DuBois Honors Program at Huston-Tillotson University. Through these partnerships, AAMRI provides professional development and special events for undergraduates and opportunities for the undergrads to mentor younger African American males. We hope you will join us in helping to advance educational opportunities that lead to academic success and a culture of excellence for African American males.



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AFRICAN AMERICAN MALE RESEARCH INITIATIVE

LEADERSHIP TEAM



LEONARD N. MOORE, PH.D.

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Leonard N. Moore is currently the senior associate vice-president for academic diversity initiatives at The University of Texas at Austin and a full professor in the Department of History. The Cleveland, Ohio, native earned his undergraduate degree from Jackson State University in 1993 and his Ph.D. from the Ohio State University in 1998. He teaches History of the Black Power Movement and Race in the Age of Obama, and he directs study abroad programs in Beijing and Cape Town.



JAMES C. BROWN, PH.D., *Instructional Support Coordinator, STEM*

After a distinguished career in the tech industry working in research and development at Motorola, Honeywell and 3M, Dr. Brown currently leads the STEM initiative in the Longhorn Center for Academic Excellence. Brown earned his bachelor's degree from Princeton and his doctorate in physics from Cornell University. Dr. Brown has been hugely successful helping first-generation students succeed academically and credits his success to a "hands-on" approach to teaching and learning.



LOUIS HARRISON, PH.D., *Professor, College of Education*

Louis Harrison, Jr. is currently a full professor in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction at The University of Texas at Austin. A native of New Orleans, Dr. Harrison is the nation's leading expert on racial identity and the African American athlete. He earned his undergraduate degree from the University of New Orleans and his Ph.D. from LSU in 1997. He has published widely and is in demand as a speaker, lecturer, and researcher. In addition to his responsibilities at UT, he also serves as pastor of Pleasant Bethany Baptist Church in Elgin, Texas.



DARREN D. KELLY, PH.D., *Chief of Staff, Academic Diversity Initiatives; Director, McNair Scholars Program; Assistant Director, AAMRI*

Darren Kelly, a native of Orange County, California, earned a bachelor's degree in finance and marketing from the University of Virginia. After graduating from UVA he spent several years working in corporate finance for GE, which included a special assignment in Shanghai, China. In 2012 he earned his Ph.D. from The University of Texas at Austin in sports management. Dr. Kelly also directs the Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program.



PATRICK K. PATTERSON, *Assistant Vice President for School Partnerships*

Patrick K. Patterson oversees all of the DDCE's pre-college academic readiness programs including five UT Outreach Centers, Advise Texas, the Neighborhood Longhorns Program, ChemBridge and Students Partnering for Undergraduate Rhetoric Success (SPURS). He earned his master's degree in education from Chicago State University and was the highly acclaimed principal at Austin's LBJ High School for six years. He was named the State of Texas's Administrator of the Year in 2010.

AAMRI LEADERSHIP TEAM (CONT'D)



MALIK A. CROWDER

*Program Coordinator,
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Before joining the staff of the Multicultural Engagement Center in the Division of Diversity and Community

Engagement, Crowder was the inaugural academic advisor for the UT Black Studies program. He has mentored Longhorn football players in the academics center, helped launch a success program in the School for Undergraduate Studies and served as vice president for the Black Faculty and Staff Association. Crowder earned his master of science degree in human development at Abilene Christian University.



G. CHRISTOPHER CUTKELVIN

Coordinator, Division of Diversity and Community Engagement

A native of Los Angeles, Cutkelvin earned his undergraduate degree in public

affairs from Texas Southern University (TSU) in 2013. He is credited with being a founding member of the Collegiate 100 in Houston, Texas and has spent time serving in leadership capacities, both nationally and locally, for the NAACP and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Cutkelvin focuses on supporting the academic and professional development of minority males and growing his personal youth intervention initiative, Ambitious Desires of a Higher Definition (ADHD).



RYAN M. SUTTON, PH.D.

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Ryan is a postdoctoral fellow for the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health in the Division

of Diversity and Community Engagement. He earned his bachelor's degree in psychology, with a minor in African-American studies, from Xavier University of Louisiana earned a master of arts degree and a doctorate in counseling psychology from Howard University. Dr. Sutton completed his APA-accredited internship at D.C. Superior Courts. He has spoken at national conferences and has published on African American youth and mental health, juvenile justice, and academic achievement.

AAMRI GRADUATE ASSISTANTS



DALLAWRENCE DEAN, Fort Collins, Colorado

Dallawrence is pursuing a Ph.D. in higher education leadership and is a program coordinator with the Longhorn Link program. He earned his undergraduate degree at Colorado State University and his master's degree at Michigan State University. He is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.



ALVIN LOGAN, Denver, Colorado

Alvin earned his bachelor's and master's degrees at the University of Washington where he also played linebacker on the Huskies football team. He is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc and he is pursuing a Ph.D. in curriculum and instruction.



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Anthony earned his undergraduate degree at Stillman College, where he also served as Student Government president. He is pursuing a Ph.D. in higher education administration and he is a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.



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Cameron is a doctoral student in the Department of History. He earned his undergraduate degree at BYU and his master's degree at Texas A&M. He is a major in the U.S. Marine Corps and has completed three tours of duty in Iraq.



MARCUS W. JOHNSON, Houston, Texas

Johnson earned his bachelor's and master's degrees at Texas Christian University (TCU). He is currently a doctoral student in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction at The University of Texas at Austin. He is also an author, a public speaker and an aspiring documentary filmmaker.



DEVIN WALKER, Los Angeles, California

Devin earned his undergraduate degree at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Upon graduation he worked as a college advisor with the Posse Foundation. He has extensive experience working and living abroad. He is working on a doctoral degree in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

- Academic coaching and advising
- Free and unlimited tutoring
- Weekly empowerment meetings
- Monthly professional development workshops
- Undergraduate research lab on Black males
- Leadership Institute
- Internship program
- Student-athlete programming
- Study abroad
- College for a Day program
- Campus visitation hosting

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The African American Male Research Initiative (AAMRI) is housed within the Division of Diversity and Community Engagement at The University of Texas at Austin. Although AAMRI focuses on African American males, our services are open to anyone regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, or other personal identities.



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