



**THE HEMAN SWEATT CENTER FOR BLACK MALES** is a faculty-led academic initiative to promote academic excellence among African American males. The Sweatt Center includes a research focus that informs public policy experts, practitioners and community members on how best to create and maintain a culture of Black male excellence in K-20 settings. This research guides a hands-on practical approach to help The Sweatt Center achieve its major goals: to increase the four-year graduation rate

for African American males at The University of Texas at Austin 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, The Sweatt Center partners with local and national organizations to provide professional development and special events for undergraduates and opportunities for the undergrads to mentor younger African American males.

## PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

- Black male orientation
- Academic coaching and advising
- Free and unlimited tutoring
- Weekly empowerment meetings (Power Hour)
- Undergraduate research
- Internship program
- Student-athlete programming
- Black Student-Athlete Summit
- Study abroad (Beijing and Cape Town)
- Host campus visits (College for a Day)
- Collegiate Black Male Retreat
- AMP'd Mentorship
- Black Male Education Research Collection

## LEADERSHIP TEAM

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### **RYAN SUTTON, PH.D.**

*Director, The Heman Sweatt Center for Black Males*  
 Sutton earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Xavier University. He earned a Ph.D. in counseling psychology from Howard University and has published on African American youth and mental health, juvenile justice and academic achievement.



### **LEONARD N. MOORE, PH.D.**

*Vice President for Diversity and Community Engagement*  
*George W. Littlefield Professor of American History*  
 Moore was named vice president for diversity and community engagement in June 2018 after serving as interim VP for a year and senior associate VP for four years. Moore earned a B.A. from Jackson State University and a Ph.D. from The Ohio State University.



### **DARREN KELLY, PH.D.**

*Deputy to Vice President for Diversity and Community Engagement*  
 Previously Kelly was director of the Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program and chief of staff for Longhorn Center for Academic Excellence. He earned a bachelor's degree in finance and marketing from University of Virginia and a Ph.D. from UT Austin in sports management.



### **LOUIS HARRISON JR., PH.D.**

*Professor, College of Education*  
 Harrison is a full professor in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction and 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.

## LEADERSHIP TEAM (CONTINUED)



### **DEVIN WALKER, PH.D.**

*Director of Global Leadership and Social Impact*

Walker leads DDCE's initiative to prepare students for the 21st century global workforce through innovative programming, including the 100 passports program. He earned his bachelor's degree at University of Wisconsin-Madison and his Ph.D. at UT Austin.



### **DARON K. ROBERTS, J.D.**

*Founding Director, Center for Sports Leadership and Innovation (CSLI)*

Roberts is a Harvard Law grad turned NFL Coach. Now at UT, he leads CSLI and is a lecturer in the Liberal Arts Honors program. He holds a BA from UT's Plan II Honors Program and an MA in public policy and a JD from Harvard.



### **BRYAN CARRINGTON**

*Director of Recruiting for Texas Athletics*

Carrington came to UT Austin after working as a football recruiting assistant at the University of Houston for two years. He holds a B.S. in Sports Administration and Management from U of H.



### **JAMES C. BROWN, PH.D.**

*Instructional Support Coordinator, STEM*

After a distinguished career in the tech industry at Motorola, 3M and IBM, Brown now leads the STEM initiative in Longhorn Center for Academic Excellence. He holds a doctorate in physics from Cornell.



### **BRANDON JONES, PH.D.**

*Associate Director for Student Learning and Development Housing and Dining*

Jones holds a BFA and a master's degree from Abilene Christian University. He earned a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies at UT Arlington. His research interests include intercollegiate athletics and student achievement.



### **ANDEL FILS-AMIE, ED.D.**

*Director of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity*

Previously Fils-Amie was assistant director of Student Conduct at the University of Central Florida. He earned a BA from Florida State University, an MA from University of Hawaii at Manoa and an EdD from University of Central Florida.



### **G. CHRISTOPHER CUTKELVIN**

*Program Coordinator, DDCE*

Cutkelvin earned his bachelor's degree from Texas Southern University and is currently in graduate school. He is a founding member of the Collegiate 100 in Houston and has served in leadership roles for NAACP and Alpha Phi Alpha.



### **PATRICK K. PATTERSON**

*Assistant Vice President for School Partnerships*

Patterson oversees all of DDCE's pre-college academic readiness programs. He earned a master's in education from Chicago State University and was a highly acclaimed principal at Austin's LBJ HS for six years.



### **MALIK A. CROWDER**

*Assistant Director, Multicultural Engagement Center*

Crowder was the inaugural academic advisor for the UT Black Studies program and helped launch a successful program in Undergraduate Studies. He earned his M.S. in human development at Abilene Christian University.

## GRADUATE ASSISTANTS



### **DELANDO CROOKS**

Crooks earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from

Vanderbilt University. He is currently pursuing a doctorate in Higher Education.



### **JAVIER WALLACE**

Wallace earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from

Florida A&M University. He is pursuing his doctorate in Physical Education Teacher Education.



### **JAYLEN WRIGHT**

Wright earned his undergraduate degree from Texas

A&M University. He is pursuing a master's degree and doctorate in Health Behavior and Health Education.



### **CHASE MOORE**

Moore was a walk-on defensive back at UT Austin,

where he earned a bachelor's degree in sociology. He is pursuing a graduate degree in Education.



### **NATHAN JONES**

Jones earned his bachelor's degree in Economics and

Sociology from Morehouse College. After working in impact investing, he is currently pursuing an MBA.

For more information about the Heman Sweatt Center for Black Males, visit [diversity.utexas.edu/sweattcenter](https://diversity.utexas.edu/sweattcenter) or contact Dr. Ryan Sutton by email: [r.suttonm@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:r.suttonm@austin.utexas.edu).



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