

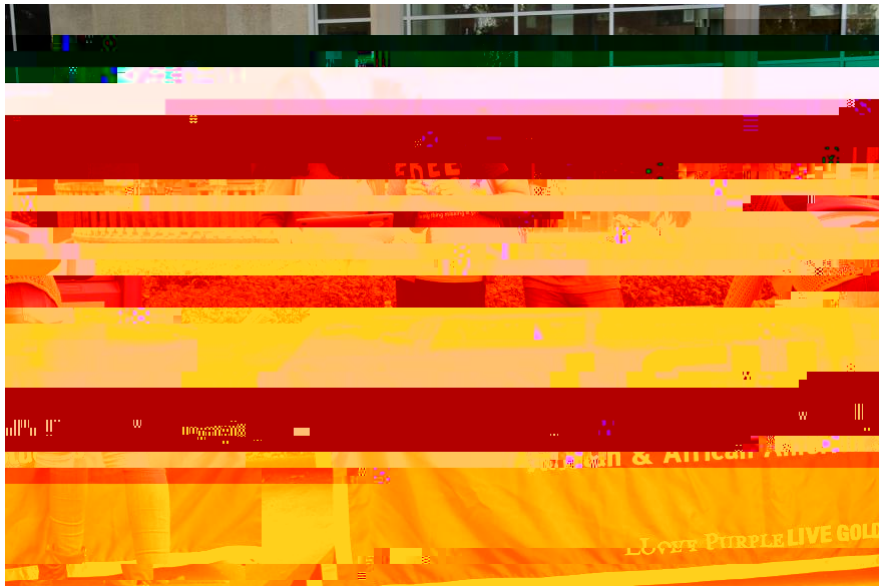
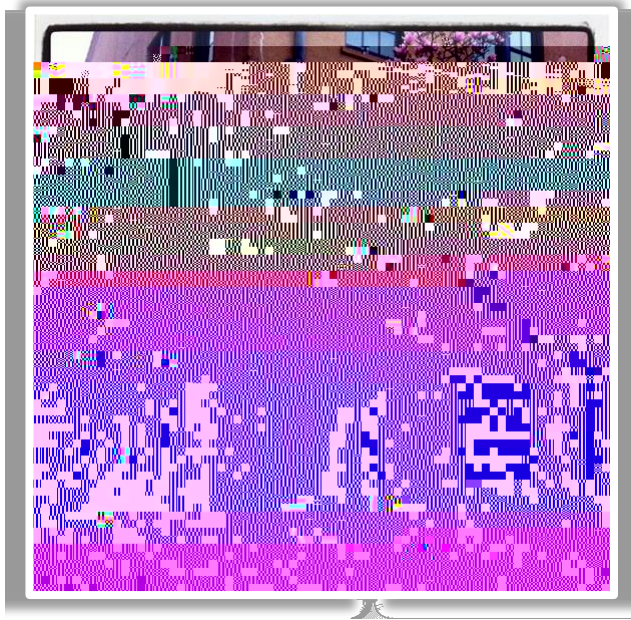
Dear Friends of AAAS:

Thank you for your support of AAAS and its goals and initiatives. It is my pleasure to serve as Interim Director while our Director, Dr. Stephen C. Finley is on leave.

I look forward to working with each of you to continue our efforts to provide students with the knowledge and skills for success at LSU and across the course of their lives. Last year was surely challenging. Nevertheless, AAAS continued to thrive.

Here are some highlights from 2020. I anticipate many more wins in the coming year.

- < Completed paperwork for an independent BA in AAAS
- < Added a service-learning option to all sections of AAAS 2000
- < Submitted proposal for AAAS to become a department
- < Added eight new affiliates
- < Offered faculty the opportunity to share their research and engage with other scholars as part of our professional development initiatives
- < Created a formal mentoring program that matched instructors and junior faculty with senior faculty
- < Reactivated the student organization, Society for African and African American Studies
- < Met with development representatives to address fundraising needs
- < Core faculty and Affiliates maintained rigorous research agendas
- < Participated in on search committees for President/Chancellor of LSU, Assistant Professor of Social Work, and Assistant Professor of Political Science
- < Served on virtual discussion about the African American experience including Race and the Pandemic, LSU Science Café; The Black Vote, NAACP of LSU; Perspectives, College of Human Sciences and Education; and Diversity Presentation to the Board of Supervisors
- < Participated in Diversity retreat
- < Participated on Subcommittees that were created as a result of the Diversity retreat, including Subcommittees on Hiring and Retention and Diversity Course Requito call ssty Course Requito callipent(6t)1367V



*Professor, Sociology, African & African
American Studies*

John Bardes, History

Sarah Becker, Sociology and Women's and
Gender Studies, Director of Center for Community
Engagement, Learning, and Leadership

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Eldon Birthwright, AAAS

Cassandra Cheney, School of Social Work

Annie Daniel, Director of Veterinary Instructional
Design and Outcome Assessment

Melissa Crawford, Office of Strategic Initiatives

Tina Harris, Mass Communications

Fahima Ife, English

Joyce Jackson, Geography & Anthropology

Catherine Jacquet, History and Women's and
Gender Studies

Herman Kelly, AAAS

Touria Khannous, Foreign Languages and
International Studies

Ashley Mack, Rhetoric & Culture

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Brianne Painia, Interdisciplinary Studies

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Roland Mitchell, Interim Dean, College of
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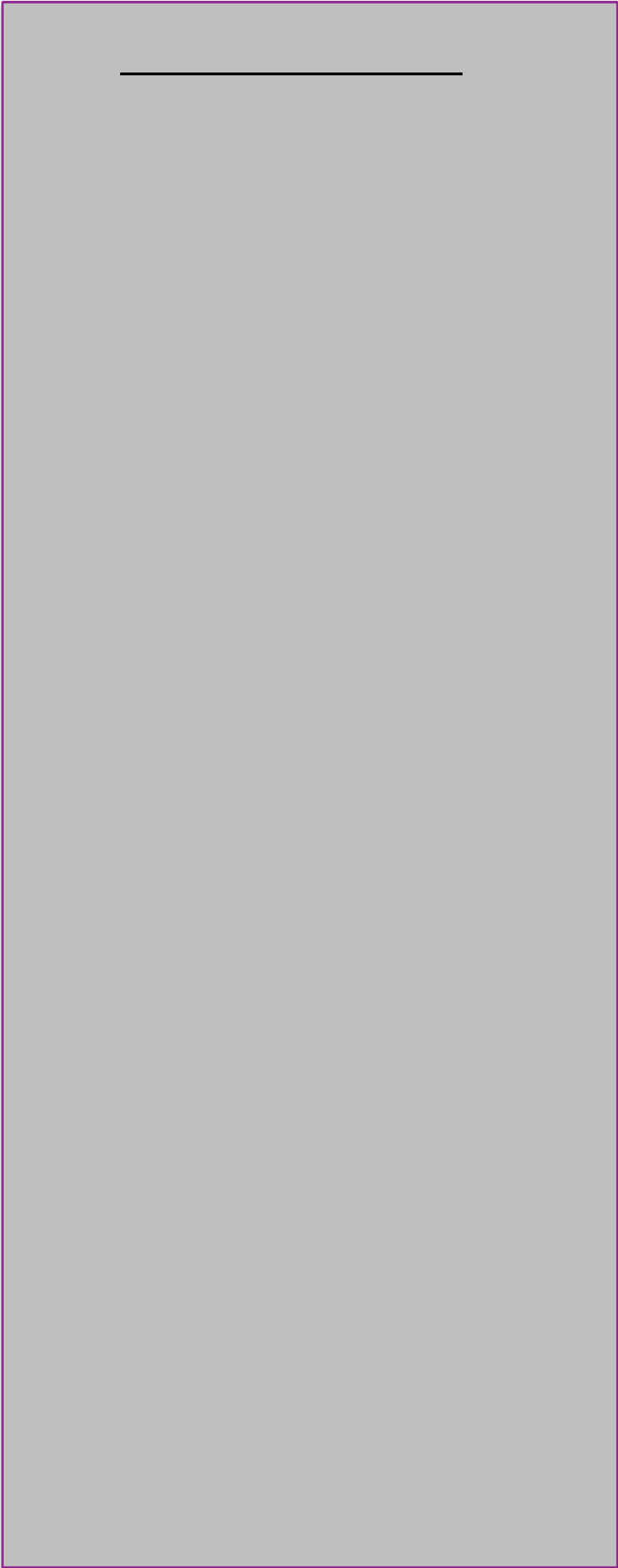
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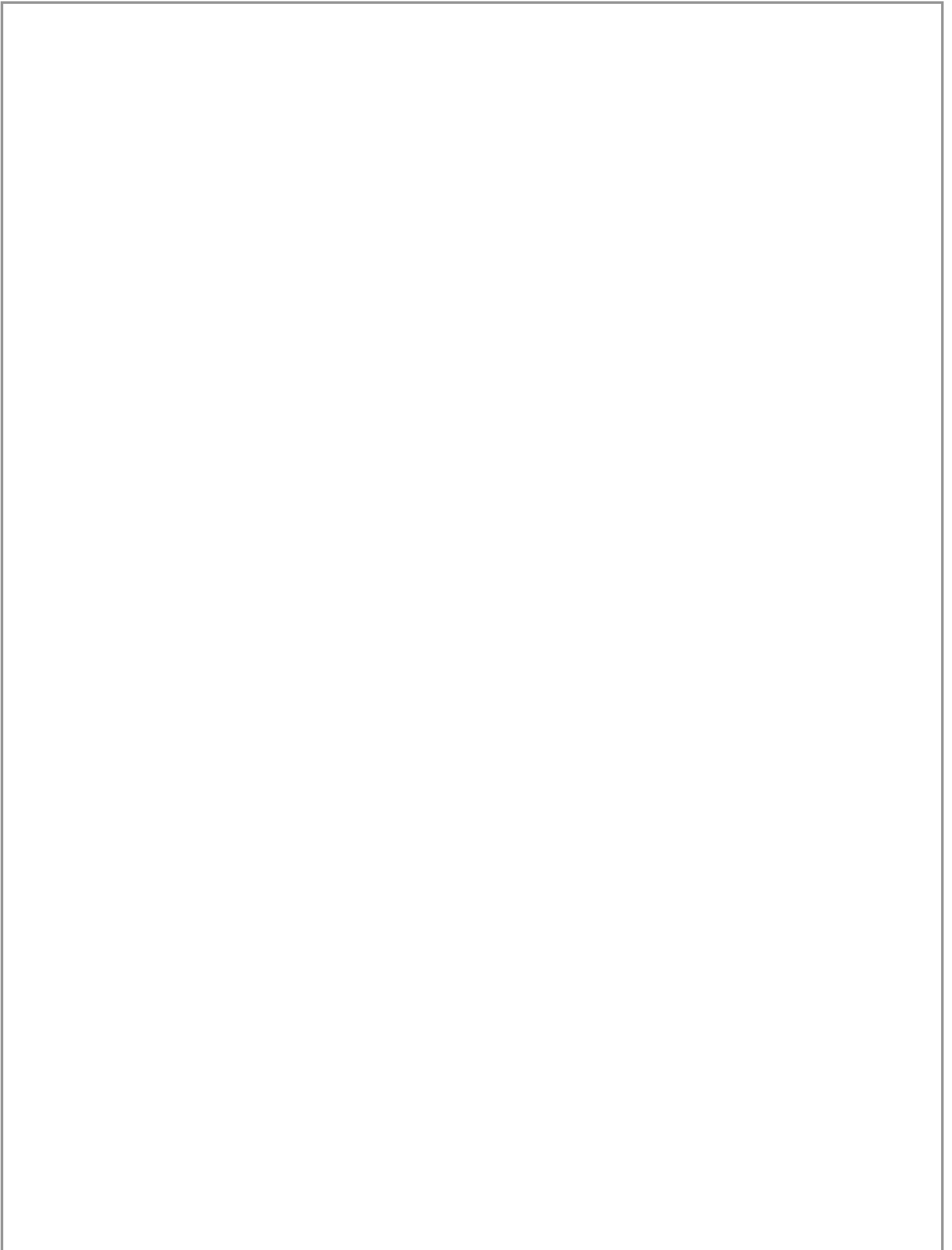
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Sonja D. Wiley received her Ph.D. from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. She joined LSU, jointly in the College of Business and the Center for Computation Technology in 2002. Associate Professor Wiley is the Donald Lindley and Ruby Wright Phillips Developing Scholar Professor and the Diversity Advisor, for the Stephenson Department of Entrepreneurship & Information Systems; Diversity and Inclusion Faculty Advisor, Office of Business Student Success - E. J. Ourso College of Business.





- < Congratulations, **Dr. Tina M. Harris!** Dr. Harris won the Francine Merritt for Outstanding Contributions to the Lives of Women in Communication.
- < **Dr. Lori Latrice Martin** received the Black Student-Athlete Summit Athletic Leadership Award on January 6, 2021.
- < **Drs. Cassandra Cheney and Sonja Wiley** introduced a resolution to the Faculty

The Religion of

White Rage.

Introduction to Africana Demography.

Please send your news and notes to aaas@lsu.edu so we can acknowledge and celebrate you!

