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#### ABSTRACT

The year 2001 marked a milestone for the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) Doctoral Scholars Program, the graduation of the 100th graduate. The Doctoral Scholars Program was created in 1993 to address the national shortage of minority faculty. The program model provides support, encouragement, and preparation to help scholars who have been admitted to doctoral programs in completing their study and becoming successful faculty members. The graduates highlighted in this booklet testify to the program's growth and success. Key accomplishments include 100 program graduates and more than 200 scholars progressing toward degrees. There has been a 90% retention and graduation rate for the program's scholars, with a 70% placement rate for graduates on campuses as faculty, administrators, or postdoctoral researchers. The booklet lists the first 100 graduates by state and presents profiles of a graduate from each state in the SREB area and the program's 100th graduate. (SLD)



SREB-STATE
DOCTORAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM

# Milestone Graduates

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## Milestone Graduates



From
the
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Director

2001 marks a milestone for the SREB Doctoral Scholars Program: the 100<sup>th</sup> graduate.

The SREB Doctoral Scholars Program was created in 1993 — as part of the Compact for Faculty Diversity with the New England and Western regional education organizations — to address the long-standing national shortage of minority faculty. One-fourth of U.S. college students are people of color, but only one of every 30 faculty members at predominantly white colleges and universities is a person of color.

The Doctoral Scholars Program takes pride in being "more than a check and a handshake." The program's goal is simple: increase the number of minority scholars who earn Ph.D.s and seek to become faculty members at colleges and universities. The SREB model provides many layers of support, encouragement and preparation to help scholars who have been admitted to doctoral programs in completing their graduate study and becoming successful faculty members.

The graduates highlighted in this report testify to the program's growth and success. Key accomplishments include:

- 100 program graduates and more than 200 scholars progressing toward their doctoral degrees;
- a 90 percent retention and graduation rate more than double the national rate for minority Ph.D. scholars;
- a 70 percent placement rate of program graduates on campuses as faculty, administrators or postdoctoral researchers more than one-third greater than the national placement rate for minorities; and
- the Presidential Award for Excellence in Math, Science and Engineering Mentoring.

The firm support of SREB states and the commitment of scholars have produced 100 outstanding Ph.D. graduates. With a keen eye toward the future, SREB's next goal is the 200<sup>th</sup> graduate — in half the time it took to reach the 100 mark.

Ansley A. Abraham
Director, SREB-State Doctoral Scholars Program



## The First 100 SREB Graduates



#### Alabama

- Dr. Brenda Allen, Auburn University, Urban Forestry
- Dr. Tamara Baynham-Watsan, University of Alabama-Birmingham, Engineering/Biamedical
- Dr. Denise Burtan, University of Alabama, Malecular Biology/Genetics
- Dr. Bernadette Chapple, Auburn University, Psychology/Educational
- Dr. Michelle Faster, Auburn University, Applied Mathematics
- Dr. Alvin Gibson, University of Alabama, Organizational Behavior
- Dr. Daramia Hinton, Auburn University, Nutritian and Faad Science
- Dr. Cindy Jenkins, University of Alabama, Biology/Aquatic
- Dr. Victor Mbarika, Auburn University, Management Information Systems
- Dr. Lisa Pickett, University of Alabama, Public Administration
- Dr. Carl-Ernst Rausseau, Auburn University, Engineering/Mechanical

#### **Arkansas**

- Dr. Ira Bates, University of Arkansas-Fayetteville, Accounting
- Dr. Precilla Belin, University of Tennessee Knoxville, Human Ecology/Community Health
- Dr. Earnest Cox, Texas Christian University, Compasition and Rhetoric
- Dr. Meagan Jordan, University of Kentucky, Public Administration
- Dr. Jabbar Joshua, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Physiology
- Dr. Loretta McGregor, Wichita State University, Psychology/Human Factors
- Dr. Sylnavie Merchant, University of Arkansas-Fayetteville, Computer Information Systems
- Dr. Stephania Miller, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Physiology/Biaphysics
- Dr. Cynthia Taylar, Oklahoma State University, Business Administration/Accounting

#### Florida

- Dr. Vanessa Brantley, Florida State University, Textiles and Consumer Sciences
- Dr. Jennifer Park, Florida State University, Family and Child Sciences

### Georgia

- Dr. Deidre Gibsan, University of Georgia, Oceanography/Biological
- Dr. Frederick Meadaws, Georgia State University, Chemistry/Analytical
- Dr. Judith Noble, Georgia State University, Biology/Microbiology
- Dr. Alesia Parker, Georgia State University, Chemistry/Organic
- Dr. Garfield Warren, University of Georgia, Physics/Condensed Matter
- Dr. Jackie Williams, Georgia State University, Nursing/Community Health

### Kentucky

- Dr. Cameron Alsup, University of Kentucky, Statistics
- Dr. Virginia Carney, University of Kentucky, English
- Dr. Paul Delaluz, University of Kentucky, Chemistry/Organic
- Dr. Kenneth Henry II, University of Kentucky, Biochemistry
- Dr. Luna Hilaire, University of Kentucky, Engineering/Biomedical
- Dr. Wanda Jackson, University of Kentucky, History/American
- Dr. Alice Johnson, University of Kentucky, Decision Science and Information Systems
- Dr. Rana Johnson, University of Kentucky, Communication/Intercultural
- Dr. David Kimweli, University of Kentucky, Psychology/Counseling
- Dr. Harun Shabazz, University of Louisville, Urban and Public Affairs



## The First 100 SREB Graduates

#### Louisiana

- Dr. Michael Crutcher Jr., Louisiana State University, Geography/Urban
- Dr. Dennis Dillon, Louisiana State University, Vocational Education
- Dr. Stephanie Hall, Louisiana State University, English
- Dr. Sheila Rushing Haynes, Louisiana State University, Chemistry/Bio-organic
- Dr. Byron D'Andra Orey, University of New Orleans, Urban and Minority Politics
- Dr. Bridget Udoh, Louisiana State University, Vocational Training and Development

## Maryland

- Dr. Eric Ailor, Johns Hopkins University, Engineering/Chemical
- Dr. Samuel Brown, University of Maryland Baltimore County, Public Policy/Evaluation Research
- Dr. Tasha Inniss, University of Maryland College Pork, Applied Mathematics/Statistics and Optimization
- Dr. Sherry Scott Joseph, University of Maryland College Pork, Mathematics/Harmonic Analysis

## Mississippi

- Dr. Patricia Logan, Mississippi State University, Educational Psychology/School Psychology
- Dr. Jennifer Riley, Mississippi State University, Industrial Engineering/Ergonomics and Human Factors
- Dr. Samuel Shingles, University of Mississippi, Vocal Pedagogy
- Dr. Valerie Simpson, University of Southern Mississippi, Secondary Education/English
- Dr. Jeanetta Tankson, Mississippi State University, Animal Physiology/Poultry
- Dr. Voletta Williams, Jackson State University, Environmental Science

#### Oklahoma

- Dr. Myra Alexander-Starr, Ohio State University, Higher Education Administration
- Dr. Cynthia Brown, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, Audiology
- Dr. Nikki Bruner, Oklahoma State University, Engineering/Electrical
- Dr. Luz-Eugenia Cox-Fuenzalida, University of Oklahomo, Psychology/Experimental
- Dr. Jill Hough, Oklahomo State University, Management/Strategy
- Dr. Josephine Li-McLeod, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, Pharmacy Administration
- Dr. Linda Mansker, University of New Mexico, Engineering/Chemical
- Dr. David Monk, Oklahoma State University, Sociology
- Dr. Teresa Newson, Oklahoma State University, Higher Education Administration
- Dr. Bhuvaneswari Ravindran, University of Oklahomo, Instructional Psychology and Technology
- Dr. Thomas Singleton Jr., University of Oklahoma, Philosophy
- Dr. Terra Smith, Oklahoma State University, Nutritional Sciences
- Dr. Anthony Stancampiano, University of Oklahoma, Zoology

#### South Carolina

- Dr. Deborah Fulton, Clemson University, Ceramic Engineering
- Dr. Ronald Garrick, University of South Carolina, Educational Leadership
- Dr. Lynette Gibson, University of South Carolina, Nursing Science
- Dr. Dionne Hoskins, University of South Carolina, Marine Science
- Dr. Irene Houston, University of South Carolina, Psychology Education
- Dr. Linda Lawson, Clemson University, Mathematical Sciences
- Dr. Patricia Shelton, University of South Carolina, Nursing



## The First 100 SREB Graduates



#### Tennessee

- Dr. Tamar Ghansah, Meharry Medical Callege, Molecular Bialogy/Signal Transduction
- Dr. Clarence Lewis, Meharry Medical Callege, Medical Biachemistry
- Dr. Dereece Smither, University of Memphis, Psychology/Experimental
- Dr. Thamas Snawden, Meharry Medical College, Micrabialogy
- Dr. Merlin Taylor Jr., University of Memphis, Speech Language Pathology
- Dr. Darnell Carlton Warley II, University of Tennessee-Knoxville, Engineering/Polymer

#### Texas

- Dr. Aida Adams, Texas Tech University, Psychology/Educational
- Dr. Jesus Tanguma, Texas A&M University, Psychology/Educational
- Dr. Selina Vasquez, University of Texas-Austin, Mathematics Education

## Virginia

- Dr. Crystal Andersan, The College of William and Mary, American Studies
- Dr. Daphne Bennett, Virginia Cammonwealth University, Psychology/Clinical
- Dr. Juan Betts, Virginia Tech, Engineering/Mechanical
- Dr. Tamara Carter, University of Virginia, Psychology/Clinical
- Dr. Chris Cornelius, Virginia Tech, Engineering/Chemical
- Dr. Tatia Daniels-Granger, University of Virginia, Higher Education
- Dr. Monica Skaggs McConnell, University of Virginia, Psychology/Clinical
- Dr. Tonya Miller, Old Dominion University, Psychology/Industrial and Organizational
- Dr. Heather Pert, Virginia Tech, Fisheries
- Dr. Tamara Walker-Habson, Virginia Commonwealth University, Psychology
- Dr. Janice Winters, George Mason University, Special Education/Literacy

### West Virginia

- Dr. Justin Boyce, West Virginia University, Psychology/Counseling
- Dr. Arsenio Caceres, West Virginia University, Engineering/Mechanical
- Dr. Suling Cheng, West Virginia University, Psychology/Developmental
- Dr. Melanie Coleman Cosby, West Virginia University, Psychology/Counseling
- Dr. Angela Lau, West Virginia University, Psychology/Clinical

#### Other

Dr. Kimberly Moffitt, Howard University, Washington, D.C., Communications





## The Institute on Teaching and Mentoring

The SREB Doctoral Scholars Program graduates continue to benefit from the annual Institute on Teaching and Mentoring. Graduates have a standing invitation to return each year to share experiences, lead discussions and provide inspiration. They remain a valued part of the scholars' networking community.

The institute gives scholars and their faculty mentors opportunities to share knowledge about academia, to learn skills necessary to succeed in graduate study, to prepare for success as faculty members at colleges and universities, to meet other scholars and faculty from throughout the country, and to link to a larger community of scholars of color in various academic fields. Participating in carefully planned seminars and discussions led by experts in their fields strengthens scholars' skills, knowledge and satisfaction.

The institute unites the doctoral scholars programs of three regional education organizations — the Southern Regional Education Board, the New England Board of Higher Education and the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education — as the Compact for Faculty Diversity. Other national programs that participate in institute activities also add value and opportunity. The institute serves scholars and faculty sponsored by the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation, the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation and the Ronald E. McNair Program.



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... and learning at the institute.





worthy of investing one's resources in than people. SREB and Alabama have demonstrated their commitment to investing in people through support of the Doctoral Scholars Program. I will be eternally grateful for the investment it made in me."

## Brenda Allen

Ph.D. institution: Auburn University

Major field/specialty: Urban Forestry

Faculty mentor: Dr. Arthur H. Chappelka

**Most recent presentation:** "People's Opinions About Trees in the Wildland/Urban Interface." The Urban Forestry Institute (June 2000).

Current employer and title/position: Auburn University School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences and the Alabama Cooperative Extension System, Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist — Urban Forestry

## What is unique about you as a Ph.D. recipient?

I am the first and only African-American to receive a Ph.D. in forestry from Auburn University, the first and only black faculty member in the School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences, as well as one of only two female faculty members. I am also the first graduate of the SREB Doctoral Scholars Program.





Ph.D. institution: Oklahoma State University

Major field/specialty: Business Administration/

Accounting

Faculty mentor: Dr. Gary Meek

Most recent presentation: "Reducing Exposure to Liability Under the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act." Eighth Annual Meeting of the American Society of Business and Behavioral Sciences (February 2001).

Current employer and title/position: University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Assistant Professor of Accounting

What is unique about you as a Ph.D. recipient? I am the first minority faculty member in the Department of Accounting, as well as the College of Business at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

Cynthia Taylor "I will always appreciate the networking and relationships with other scholars and the SREB Doctoral Scholars staff that I have been afforded."





## Florida





"The SREB Doctoral
Scholars Program
creates a support
structure at each
scholar's university.
And the staff at SREB
is invested and
actively involved
in each scholar's
training."

## Jennifer Park

Ph.D. institution: Florida State University

Major field/specialty: Child Development/Child Care and Public Policy

Faculty mentor: Dr. Ann K. Mullis

Most recent presentation: "Welfare Reform and Childcare: Issues in the Rural South," with A.K. Mullis and A.S Ghazvini. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Minneapolis, Minn. (April 2001).

Current employer and title/position: American Institutes for Research, Research Analyst

What is unique about you as a Ph.D. recipient? I am the 50<sup>th</sup> graduate of the SREB Doctoral Scholars Program.





Ph.D. institution: University of Georgia

Major field/specialty: Physics

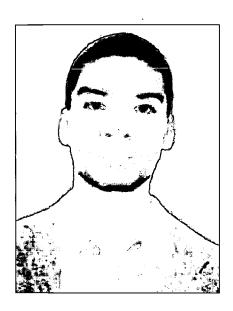
Faculty mentors: Dr. W.M. Dennis and Dr. W.M. Yen

Most recent presentation: "In-Situ Spectroscopy of Holographically Formed Polymer Dispersed Liquid Crystal Materials For High-Performance Reflective Display Applications." Society of Information Display; San Jose, Calif. (June 2001).

Current employer and title/position: Brown University Division of Engineering, Postdoctoral Research Associate

What is unique about you as a Ph.D. recipient? I was the first person of color to receive a Ph.D. in physics from the Department of Physics and Astronomy at the University of Georgia.

Garfield Warren "The SREB Doctoral
Scholars Program
is one of the most
successful enterprises
responsible for the
support of people of
color receiving
advanced degrees
in academics."





## Kentucky





"The SREB Doctoral
Scholars Program provides empowerment,
recognizing that
students of color
require a different type
of support. And the
program provides it."

## Rana Johnson

Ph.D. institution: University of Kentucky

Major field/specialty: Communication/Intercultural

Faculty mentors: Dr. Karen Webb and Dr. Deneese Jones

Most recent presentation: "The Effects of Co-cultural Adaptation on African-American Doctoral Student Persistence at the University of Kentucky" (February 2001).

Current employer and title/position: Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education, Associate for Equal Educational Opportunities

### What is unique about you as a Ph.D. recipient?

I am the first student of color to select a topic that focuses specifically on race relations in doctoral education at the University of Kentucky. I chose this particular topic to provide the graduate school with a document that acknowledges and identifies African-American doctoral students' perceptions of the institutional climate, especially their concern that they are not fully integrated in the educational community.





Ph.D. institution: Louisiana State University

Major field/specialty: Geography/Urban

Faculty mentor: Dr. Joyce Jackson

Most recent presentation: "Protecting 'Place' in African-American Neighborhoods: Urban Public Space, Privatization and Protest in Louis Armstrong Park and the Tremè, New Orleans" (December 2000).

Current employer and title/position: Xavier University (New Orleans), Department of History, Adjunct Assistant Professor

### What is unique about you as a Ph.D. recipient?

I am the first African-American to receive a Ph.D. from the Department of Geography and Anthropology at Louisiana State University.

> Michael Crutcher

"The Doctoral Scholars
Program is unique in
that upon completion of
their studies, scholars
don't exit the program
but become alumni who
are actively encouraged
to continue participating
through the Doctoral
Scholars Association and
the annual teaching and
mentoring institute."









"The most important aspect about the SREB Doctoral Scholars Program is its willingness to work with students to deal with whatever problems arise. The sincerity and kindness that I have experienced in my contacts with SREB have been exceptional."

## Sherry Joseph

Ph.D. institution: University of Maryland, College Park

Major field/specialty: Mathematics/harmonic analysis and wavelet theory with specialization in statistical and signal processing applications

Faculty mentor: Dr. Raymond L. Johnson

Most recent presentation: "Spectral Analysis of Fractal Noise in Terms of Wiener's Generalized Harmonic Analysis and Wavelet Theory"; NAM Granville-Browne Recent Ph.D.s Presentations at the Joint Math Meetings in New Orleans La. (January 2001).

Current employer and title/position: The George Washington University, Visiting Assistant Professor

What is unique about you as a Ph.D. recipient?

I am one of the first three African-American women to graduate with a Ph.D. in math from the University of Maryland, College Park.





Ph.D. institution: Mississippi State University

Major field/specialty: Animal Physiology/Poultry

Faculty mentors: Dr. J. Paul Thaxton and Dr. Yvonne Vizzier-Thaxton

Most recent presentation: "Pulmonary Hypertension Syndrome in Broilers Challenged with Living and Dead Enterococcus faecalis" (2001).

**Current employer and title/position:** Mississippi State University, Research Associate

### What is unique about you as a Ph.D. recipient?

I am the first African-American female to receive a Ph.D. in animal physiology from Mississippi State University, Poultry Science Department. I am also a recipient of the 2001 Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station Graduate Student Research Award of the Year.

Jeanetta Tankson "The Doctoral Scholars
Program acts as a
catalyst in that all of
the scholars come
together once a year
and get rejuvenated by
the accomplishments
of other students who
have succeeded in
earning their Ph.D.s"





## Oklahoma





"The Doctoral
Scholars Program is
a wonderful combination of emotional,
professional and
financial support
provided to the
students. I am
forever indebted to
the people at SREB."

## Luz-Eugenia Cox-Fuenzalida

Ph.D. institution: University of Oklahoma

Major field/specialty: Psychology/Experimental — Individual Differences

Faculty mentor: Dr. Kirby Gilliland

Most recent presentation: "Current Investigations of Workload History and Performance," with Kirby Gilliland. Biodynamics and Protection Division, Brooks Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas (January 2001).

Current employer and title/position: University of Oklahoma, Department of Psychology, Assistant Professor (beginning July 2001).

What is unique about you as a Ph.D. recipient?

I am currently the only female minority assistant professor in my department.







Ph.D. institution: University of South Carolina

Major field/specialty: Nursing Science

Faculty mentor: Dr. Constance S. Hendricks

Most recent publication: "Preparing Culturally Competent Nurses," with A. Hunter. South Carolina Nurse, 8(2) (2001).

Current employer and title/position: Clemson University School of Nursing, College of Health, Education and Human Development, Assistant Professor

### What is unique about you as a Ph.D. recipient?

I am the first SREB doctoral scholar to graduate with the Ph.D. in nursing science from the University of South Carolina College of Nursing.

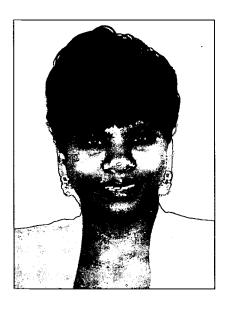
Lynette Gibson "The Doctoral Scholars
Program helped me
to remain grounded
and be true to myself.
I continue to utilize the
survival skills and knowledge learned through
the Compact for Faculty
Diversity to enhance my
teaching, mentoring
and research activities
at Clemson University."





## Tennessee





"The SREB Doctoral
Scholars Program
made me feel like I
was part of a family
rather than an isolated
graduate student
pursuing my Ph.D."

## Tomar Ghansah

Ph.D. institution: Meharry Medical College

Major field/specialty: Microbiology/Signal

Transduction

Faculty mentor: Dr. Maria de Fatima Lima

Most recent publication: A Role for the SH2-Containing Inositol Phosphatase in Biology Natural Killer Cells and Stem Cells. In Activating and Inhibitory Immunoglobulin Receptors, eds. M.D. Cooper, T. T. Takai, J.V. Ravetch (March 2001).

Current employer and title/position: Moffitt Cancer Research Center, University of South Florida, Postdoctoral Fellow

## What is unique about you as a Ph.D. recipient?

I am one of a few African-American women who hold a Ph.D. degree in the biological sciences. In fact, I am the only African-American postdoctoral fellow here at the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Research Center at the University of South Florida.





Ph.D. institution: Texas A&M University

Major field/specialty: Educational Psychology

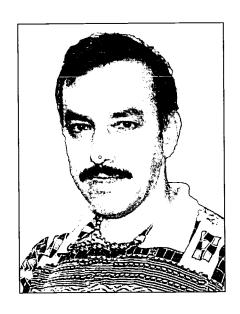
Faculty mentor: Dr. Victor Willson

Most recent publication: Effects of Sample Size on the Distribution of Selected Fit Indices: A Graphical Approach. Educational and Psychological Measurement. Thousand Oaks: Sage Publications (fall 2001).

Current employer and title/position: University of Houston-Clear Lake, Assistant Professor

What is unique about you as a Ph.D. recipient? I am the first person in my family to receive a Ph.D.

Jesus Tanguma "The SREB Doctoral
Scholars Program
has been a great
experience for me. I
particularly benefited
from the financial
support and the
opportunity to meet
other scholars."









"The emotional support provided by the SREB Doctoral Scholars Program staff was the vehicle that helped me to persevere.

SREB has been a godsend to me."

## Daphne Bennett

Ph.D. institution: Virginia Commonwealth University

Major field/specialty: Psychology/Clinical

Faculty mentors: Dr. Nirbhay Singh and Dr. Steve Danish

Most recent presentation: "The Impact of Psychological Testing on Students With Learning Disabilities." Virginia State University Students With Disabilities Program (October 2000).

Current employer and title/position: Central State Hospital, Petersburg, Va., Postdoctoral Forensic Psychologist

### What is unique about you as a Ph.D. recipient?

I was a nontraditional student in that I left a career to return to school full time, was significantly older than my peers, and was a single mother of two.





Ph.D. institution: West Virginia University

Major field/specialty: Counseling Psychology with a minor in Psychological Foundations

Faculty mentor: Dr. Cynthia Kalodner

Most recent presentation: "Client Preference for Counselors: Their Relationship to Within Group Differences." American Psychological Association 109<sup>th</sup> annual conference, San Francisco, Calif. (August 2001).

Current employer and title/position: West Virginia University, Visiting Assistant Professor

### What is unique about you as a Ph.D. recipient?

I am the first African-American faculty member in my department. I am also the first individual in my family to receive a doctorate or an advanced degree beyond a bachelor's degree.

Justin Boyce "The SREB Doctoral
Scholars Program
granted me the
opportunity to be
inspired for greatness.
I am the first
African-American
faculty member in my
department at West
Virginia University."





## The 100<sup>th</sup> Graduate





"The SREB Doctoral
Scholars Program, for
many talented and
motivated persons
interested in faculty
positions, eliminates
the major obstacle of
a lack of financial
means to reach goals
that might otherwise
be unattainable."

## Jennifer Riley

Full name: Jennifer Magee Riley, Ph.D.

Ph.D. institution: Mississippi State University

Major field/specialty: Industrial Engineering/

Ergonomics and Human Factors

Faculty mentor: Dr. David B. Kaber (North Carolina

State University)

**Most recent presentation:** "The Utility of Measures of Attention and Situation Awareness for Quantifying Telepresence." Texas Tech University (Spring 2001).

**Current employer and title/position:** Considering offers from two research universities.

What is unique about you as a Ph.D. recipient? I am the  $100^{\rm th}$  graduate of the SREB Doctoral Scholars Program.





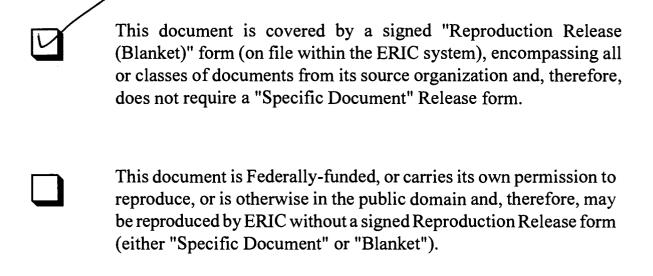
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