

Areas of Scholarly Interest and Expertise

Jarodd W. Hundley, M.A., is a 28-year-old African American male Doctoral student in the field of Marriage and Family Therapy at The University of Louisiana at Monroe. Jarodd is originally from New Orleans, Louisiana but was displaced by hurricane Katrina in 2005 and now resides in Monroe, LA. Jarodd Hundley received his Master's Degree in 2014 from The University of Louisiana Monroe in Marriage and Family Therapy / Counseling program that was dually accredited by CACREP and COAMFTE. Jarodd currently works in a government funded organization named TRIO Student Support Services that provides therapy services and support to first generation college students. In this line of work, Jarodd aims to help young people become instrumental their future decisions about careers and to help them gauge the outside factors that influence important decisions. Having received fundamental mentorship in his own life, Jarodd sees the necessity of gaining wisdom from others at a young age. He has benefitted greatly from this, and wants to impart knowledge to other young, scholarly students, especially African American men. Along with these desires, Jarodd has clinical experience in the areas of domestic violence, substance abuse, psychotherapy, and family therapy. Specifically working in the Juvenile Drug Court system in his Master's program, Jarodd witnessed first-hand his ability to connect to, understand, and get through to troubled teens and young adults. He gained an extensive amount of knowledge and resources while working in this venue that lead to the development of his research interests.

Jarodd Hundley's research interests include low socioeconomic client populations, the reintegration of soldiers and their families after war, PTSD, foundational family system models (i.e. solution focused brief therapy, structural family therapy, MRI brief therapy, etc.), and the ever-evolving task of striving to attain cultural competence and diversity. Jarodd's interest in

marginalized and low socioeconomic client population first developed from his work with the 4th Judicial Juvenile Drug Court and Liberty Healthcare Psychiatric Facility during his Master's program. Jarodd was grateful to work with families who were experiencing substance abuse, marginalization, and oppression. This led Jarodd to study more about social justice and to pursue Doctoral studies.

Jarodd believes his research interests are issues that seem to be at the forefront of the marriage and family therapy field today. Over the past few years, Jarodd Hundley has been presenting on multiculturalism and marginalized groups in Master's and Doctoral courses, as well as state conferences. Jarodd Hundley's lifelong dream is to develop a plan to bring the first MFT program to a historically black college or university (HBCU), in efforts to decrease minority substance abuse, increase educational retention rates, and increase relationship education for minorities.

Jarodd is currently conducting quantitative research that will be presented in Washington D. C. in May of 2018 to other recipients of the Minority Fellowship Scholarship Program. Jarodd plans to use secondary longitudinal data collected by ADD Health to assess ethnic minority college students' use of opioids at predominantly white institutions (PWI) and the implications for marriage and family therapists. Jarodd believes that MFT's should be at the forefront of helping individuals with opioid addiction due to our systemic foundations