Greetings,

It is with great pride that we share the biographies and photographs below. Amongst others, these Institute faculty and staff greatly contribute to our daily operations and future growth. We celebrate them during Black History Month and all year long!

With appreciation,
John, Erin, May yer, Jessica and Julie

Anthony Caples, VPI, has dedicated the majority of his career to serving the needs of the community with an emphasis of working with disadvantaged youth. Anthony’s proudest accomplishment is the creation of a mentoring program designed to foster healthy self-esteem and critical thinking skills for teenage males. Anthony honed his skills working in the educational and social service venues teaching, mentoring, and being an advocate for various underserved populations in the community. Anthony's personal philosophy of seeking the interconnectedness of the community as a means of fixing some of the issues that plague the community is paramount in his work and drives him to find innovative ways to bring a comprehensive service delivery to all that are in need. In addition to his professional endeavors, Anthony has been an active volunteer with The Campaign Against Violence, Scoops On Schools Education Fair, mentoring with Big Brothers Big Sisters,
and has been an ordained Baptist Minister active in ministry for the past twenty years. Anthony holds a Master of Divinity from Grace Theological Seminary and is currently taking steps to pursue a Doctorate in Urban Ministry.

Brandon Clark, Public Health Education Division, is originally from Racine, WI, but has lived in Milwaukee since 2003. He has over ten years of experience in higher education and customer relationship management. As an academic advisor at University of Wisconsin-Parkside he worked with first-generation, economically disadvantaged and non-traditional students. He previously coordinated a workplace diversity initiative at UW-Milwaukee's School of Continuing Education. Brandon has extensive experience in program development and facilitation. He has presented workshops on diversity awareness, interpersonal communication skill building, student success strategies, and impression management. As part of his current work with MCW's Master of Public Health program, he has initiated an effort to develop a Global Health course to be available in 2013.

Ashley Hines, Global Health Division, is a native of Milwaukee, Wisconsin and the daughter of Terry and Tammy Saffold. She is the oldest of three children and has a sister, Amanda and brother, Terry. She married Brandon Hines September 10, 2011.

Ashley graduated from University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2010 with a degree in Human Development and Family Studies-Child Development. During her tenure as an undergraduate student, Ashley, a McNair Research Scholar, contributed to four professional research studies, investigated health and nutrition in Uganda, Africa via study abroad, was heavily involved as a Multicultural Student Center leader through African, Hispanic, Asian and Native American (AHANA) Pre-Health Society and the Wisconsin Black Student Union (WBSU), served as a House Fellow (Resident Assistant) in University Housing and was chosen as a 2010 Meyerhoff Undergraduate Excellence Awards for Leadership, Service and Scholarship recipient.

Ashley is currently the Program Assistant for Global Health Program at the Medical College of Wisconsin, a role she has held since October 2010. She plans to attend medical school and become a Pediatrician and to continue clinical and community-based research in underserved and underrepresented populations locally and globally. Ashley volunteers her time as the Program
Director of the CovenantGirl mentoring program at Destiny Youth Ministry. CovenantGirl is a unique program for girls, which encourages the balance of body, soul and spirit by offering mentorship, group sessions and other opportunities for personal growth. The vision of the program is to empower girls ages 9-18 to become confident women and contributing members of society.

Clarene Mitchell, Health Equity and Urban Clinical Care Partnerships Division, shared, “My proudest accomplishment during my brief tenure as a Program Manager for MCW's Institute for Health and Society's Health Equity and Urban Clinical Care Partnerships Division is my creation and management of the eHealth Equity Alert System. This resource, provided by the Division, disseminates timely and relevant health equity related information via emails. The content includes local and national news stories, research, event announcements, etc. in an effort to foster broader understanding of the needs of underserved communities, build commitment to the elimination of health disparities and identify opportunities for engagement. The distribution includes IHS and over 175 community partners throughout Milwaukee County.

These eHealth Equity Alerts are serving to expand the image and reach of MCW in medically underserved populations and essentially help facilitate a paradigm shift for how MCW is viewed by populations adversely impacted by health disparities. As a result of the eHealth Equity Alerts, MCW is now being viewed as a credible resource regarding racial health disparities. The need for this method of awareness raising is vital to the development of effective interventions to eradicate the disparities underserved populations are challenged with. This effort aligns with MCW's mission to offer these populations improved access to research.

I am especially proud that this eHealth Equity Alert System is viewed as a valuable resource by the Black Health Coalition of Wisconsin. In fact, they initiated a similar practice on their website that follows our formatting and uses our Alerts as their source.”
Dr. Staci Young, VPI, is an assistant professor at the Medical College of Wisconsin in the Department of Family and Community Medicine and the Institute for Health and Society. She earned her undergraduate degree in Economics from Marquette University, and her MS and PhD in Urban Studies from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. She has extensive experience forming, sustaining and evaluating community-academic partnerships to improve health. She is a medical sociologist that uses qualitative methodology to investigate how health organizations and systems influence provider behaviors and health outcomes. She also partners with BRANCH Out, a faith-based collaborative of African American congregations addressing chronic health conditions and health care access. Her research interests include health professions advocacy for vulnerable patients and populations, the organization of work among health professionals in traditional and community-based clinical settings, and the relationship between the urban environment, acute and chronic life stressors, and health status. A Milwaukee native, one of her proudest accomplishments is being the first person in her family to receive a PhD.

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