University of Kentucky 2015 BHEC-ALA Fellow’s Bios

Christia Spears Brown, Ph.D., is an Associate Professor of Psychology. She serves as the Director of the Children at Risk Research Cluster and Social Psychology division head. Her research focuses on children’s social inequalities and she is the Associate Editor of *Journal of Adolescent Research*.

Paul Thomas Chamberlin is associate professor of history at the University of Kentucky. His research interests include international history and Middle East studies. He is currently working on a global history of the Cold War in the Third World.

Sarah E. Kercsmar, PhD is a Faculty Lecturer in the Division of Instructional Communication and Research (ICR) at the University of Kentucky. She also serves as the Interim Program Coordinator of ICR and the Basic Course Director of the Composition and Communication sequence. Research-wise, interests include distance education and mentoring.

Carrie Oser is an Associate Professor in the Sociology Department and Co-Director of the Health, Society and Populations Program at the University of Kentucky. Her research examining addiction health services among minority and criminal justice populations is supported by the National Institutes of Health and published in numerous peer-reviewed journals.

Kevin Real, Ph.D., 2002, Texas A&M University, is Associate Professor of Health and Organizational Communication in the Department of Communication at the University of Kentucky. Dr. Real’s primary scholarship is communication in healthcare organizations. He is interested in understanding how employees generate better workplaces through communication and collaboration.

Tammy J. Stephenson, PhD, has been on faculty at the University of Kentucky for 15 years, recently transitioning from a Senior Lecturer to Assistant Professor line in the Department of Dietetics & Human Nutrition. She serves as the Director of Undergraduate Studies for the dietetics and human nutrition programs and teaches several undergraduate-level nutrition courses.

Stephen Testa, Ph.D., is an Associate Professor in the Department of Chemistry at the University of Kentucky, where he was the Director of General Chemistry for four years. He remains highly committed to facilitating student success in freshman chemistry courses. His research program focuses on DNA/RNA structure formation and function.

Dr. Scarlett Wesley is an Associate Professor in Merchandising, Apparel, and Textiles with current research focusing on the assessment of sustainable retailing practices nationwide and in Kentucky. Her research also includes exploring the shopping behavior of Hispanic consumers in non-traditional growth areas, such as Kentucky.