**Shantalea Johns and Takisha LaShore**

**Credentials & Titles:**

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**Bios**:

**Shantalea Johns** is an academic services officer and part-time faculty at Wayne State University School of Social Work. She is a fully licensed master-level social worker with both the clinical and macro specialty. She is also a mental health prevention educator and a certified child and adolescent trauma professional. As a researcher and speaker, Ms. Johns’ interest includes encouraging storytelling and help-seeking behaviors, reducing mental health disparities for African American adolescents; reducing social isolation for diverse college students living with mental health or developmental disorders, and mental health stigma reduction in diverse populations.

**Takisha LaShore** joined Wayne State University School of Social Work in 2006. She is currently a full-time faculty member serving as the Assistant Director of Field Education. Takisha completed her undergraduate education at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor in Psychology and English Language and Literature. She completed her Master of Social Work degree at the University of Michigan- Ann Arbor with a concentration in Interpersonal Practice with Children and Youth and a minor in Management of Human Services. Dr. LaShore completed her PhD in Sociology at Wayne State University with a specialization in racial inequality. She is a fully licensed master-level social worker with both the clinical and macro specialty. Her current research and advocacy interest are social work student professional and academic success; the influence of neighborhood context on youth delinquency and self-control; diversity & inclusion; and an intersectionality approach to social oppression. She is the current chair of the Student Academic Review Committee and member of the Professional Performance Review Committee at WSUSSW.