



PINE BLUFF, Ark. – Dr. Valandra German, former Interim Chair & Assistant Professor of the School of Public Health at Dillard University in New Orleans, Louisiana, has been named Director of The Minority Research Center on Tobacco and Addictions (211 West 3rd Avenue, Suite 215; Pine Bluff, AR).

In 2011, the Minority Research Center on Tobacco and Addictions (MRC) was established through a partnership between the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, the Minority Initiative Sub-Recipient Grant Office, the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, Master of Science Degree in Addiction Studies program, and the Arkansas Department of Health. Its mission is to provide assistance to the state and nation in tobacco and other substance abuse research, prevention, education, technical assistance and evaluation, in regards to minority populations (Blacks, Hispanics, Marshall Islanders, and Asians)

“I am honored and excited to have been selected as Director of the Minority Research Center on Tobacco and Addictions,” exclaimed Dr. German. “I have been a longtime supporter of research related to health disparities, tobacco use and other addictive substances. I look forward to capitalizing on the vision of the MRC.”

As Director, Dr. German will provide consultation, support, and evaluation of the key components of the Center: research and dissemination; education and training; cessation and prevention; and wellness.

“Dr. German will be a true asset to the MRC here in Pine Bluff,” commented Dr. Mary Benjamin, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. “Her breadth of experience and skill set will be invaluable to this organization as we continue to lay the groundwork for success.”

Dr. German earned her doctorate in Public Health/Community Health Education from the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston, her master’s degree in Public Health/Community Health Education from the Des Moines University of Osteopathic Medicine, and her bachelor’s degree in Community Health Education from Dillard University.

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