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The 2022 Leona Tyler Memorial Visiting Professor in Psychology



Lauren Mims, PhD.

We are the Dreamkeepers: Applying the BlackCreate Framework to Support Brilliant Black Girls

Lauren C. Mims, PhD is currently an assistant professor in the Department of Educational Psychology at Ball State University, and an incoming assistant professor in the Department of Applied Psychology at NYU. She earned her doctorate in Educational Psychology: Applied Developmental Science and her B.A. in English and Psychology from the University of Virginia in 2019 and 2012, respectively. She earned her M.A. in Child Development with a concentration in Clinical Developmental Health from Tufts University in 2014.

Dr. Mims was formerly Assistant Director of the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for African Americans during the Obama Administration. She was a member of the White House Council on Women and Girls, the U.S. Department of Education Policy Committee, the U.S. Department of Education Socioeconomic Diversity Working Group, as well as a member of First Lady Michelle Obama's Reach Higher Working Group. Lauren developed and hosted events such as the AfAmWomenLead Student Summit to Support Black Girls, a summit to support African American students with disabilities, and reading parties for youth to share resources, foster creativity and nurture a love of learning.

Broadly, the ultimate goal of Dr. Mims' research is to “freedom dream” (Kelley, 2002) with Black children and their families, and then use that brilliance to guide the development of new research, policies, practices, and narratives!

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Location - TBD