



Jamia Thomas-Richmond obtained a Doctorate of Philosophy in Education with a specialization in Exceptional Student Education from the University of Central Florida in the spring of 2004. She has developed research interests around areas that can positively and significantly impact the quality of life of people of diverse cultural backgrounds. Consequently, her research has focused on working with culturally diverse exceptional students and their families. Other areas of interest include parental involvement in education, collaboration among teachers and families, and recruitment and retention of minority students in teacher education programs. In 2008, Dr. Jamia Thomas-Richmond launched a business, Richmond Educational Center for Exceptional Students and Supports (R.E.C.E.S.S.), which focused on meeting the needs of exceptional students, their families, and the schools in which they are served. Currently, she is an Associate Professor in the Spadoni College of Education at Coastal Carolina University, teaching Freshman Year Experience, diversity/multicultural education and special education courses. Dr. Richmond chairs the Coastal Carolina University Academic Affairs committee and the College of Education Curriculum committee. Additionally, she serves as the QEP coordinator for the College of Education.

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