

**Department of Africana Studies –
National Rankings for Degrees Conferred – Summer 2009**

The Department of Africana Studies at the University at Albany was established in 1969. The Department’s Master’s program was approved in 1971. We are particularly proud of the fact that graduate and undergraduate students continue to be attracted to our academic programs. Equally significant, the graduate program was recently ranked #1 and our undergraduate program ranked #10 in this nation in terms of degree conferrals. Dr. Victor Borden, Associate Vice President at Indiana University, Bloomington, provided us with these rankings. Information was gathered from the National Center for Education and Statistics and from the United States Department of Education (by Dr. Borden for analysis) and submitted to Diverse Issues in Higher Education (Summer 2009). This is the first time that the University at Albany’s Master of Arts Program has been ranked number one in the nation for conferral of degrees. We are also proud of our undergraduate program which was ranked number 10 in the nation for conferral of degrees. The lists for specific disciplines can be found online at www.diverseeducation.com. We are currently gathering data on our graduates’ academic and professional careers. Preliminary data analysis objectifying quality reveals that a disproportionate number of our Master’s students have received their doctoral degrees from prestigious universities. Several of our graduates are currently completing their doctoral degrees at these universities. Our graduates are university professors, lawyers, administrative executives, communication experts, international executives, among other laudable occupations. We believe these careers serve as quality indicators of our academic programs.

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