



## **The PhD Project Hall of Fame**

### **2017 Honoree**

### **Fay Cobb Payton**

### **Professor of Information Systems/Technology**

### **North Carolina State University**

*Fay first worked with The PhD Project in 1994 while a doctoral student at Case Western Reserve University. She was on the founding committee of the ISDSA in 1996 at the beginning of her faculty career. While an Assistant Professor, she served on the ISDSA planning committee from 1996 to 2000, and co-chaired and chaired the team which then consisted of leading faculty from The PhD Project Accounting Group. Leading the ISDSA planning committee, she was instrumental in inviting notable IS scholars, such to the events. With Dr. Cynthia Jackson, she published one of the first peer reviewed studies of The PhD Project, "Diversity in IS: What are Current Ph.D. Students Saying using GDSS?" ACM SIGCPR Computer Personnel, 1999. This research explored the challenges associated with IS PhD matriculation among students involved in The PhD Project. Since, the Circle of Compadres member has paved the way for numerous publications with and by a number of DSA alumni.*

Dr. Fay Cobb Payton is a Professor of Information Technology/Systems at North Carolina State University and was named a University Faculty Scholar for her leadership in turning research into solutions to society's most pressing issues. She received the North Carolina Technology Association Tech Educator of the Year and National Coalition of Women in Information Technology Undergraduate Mentoring Awards. She is a member of the NC State University Women in Science and Engineering Advisory and is an American Council on Education Fellow. She was awarded the first SAS Institute Fellow for her work in analytics and teaching in the IS/IT classroom, and as received two NC State University Alumni Extension Awards. She is an editor for Health Systems, an Associate Editor for Decision Sciences and an Associate Editor for DATABASE for Advances in Information Systems.

She has published more than 100 peer-reviewed journal publications and conference proceedings. Her research includes topics of user experience/design, health disparities/informatics, tech leadership and entrepreneurship, social/data analytics, and inclusion in STEM disciplines. She has presented at national, and international conferences in Ireland, the UK, China, Ghana, Greece, Nigeria, The Netherlands and others.

Dr. Payton received a BS in Industrial and Systems Engineering from Georgia Institute of Technology and BA in Accounting from Clark Atlanta University (via the Atlanta University Dual Degree Engineering Program), MBA in Decision Sciences from Clark Atlanta University and PhD in Information & Decision Systems from Case Western Reserve University. She worked in corporate IT and engineering prior to joining academe, and is the author of *Leveraging Intersectionality: Seeing and Not Seeing*, an anthology of her research on STEM education and experiences in both academe and corporate environments.