

# Department of Psychology

## ROSALIND FRANKLIN UNIVERSITY OF MEDICINE AND SCIENCE

### FOCUS ON DIVERSITY & MULTICULTURALISM

#### Mission Statement

- Ψ Our department recognizes the importance of cultural and individual differences and is receptive to, and supportive of diversity at a variety of levels in the program including recruitment, curriculum, and the overall climate of learning.

#### Department Climate

- Ψ The Department has a Diversity Task force comprised of students, faculty, and alumni to address issues of culture and diversity within the department such as recruitment and retention of diverse students and faculty.
- Ψ The Multicultural Association of Psychology Students (MAPS) is a student organization providing support, networking, and mentorship to ethnically and culturally diverse students and individuals interested in these issues. Ongoing projects: Free mental health screenings to underprivileged youths (annual event) and presenting school-wide colloquia on diversity topics.
- Ψ Faculty projects with diverse populations are on-going: 1) research on validity of personality measures with minority populations (Dr. David Kosson) and 2) research with the elderly (Dr. Lawrence Perlmutter; Dr. John Calamari; Dr. John Woodard).

#### Curriculum & Practicum

- Ψ Our students participate in clinical practicum opportunities throughout the Chicagoland area and work with populations of chronically mentally ill, physically and mentally disabled, and speech and hearing impaired individuals, as well as individuals from a variety of ethnic, religious, sexual orientation, cultural, and socioeconomic backgrounds. Examples include consultation with Head Start of Lake county and behavioral medicine work with primary care clinics.
- Ψ All coursework is infused with an emphasis on cultural competency, and receives special emphasis in a core Departmental course “Diversity Issues in Mental Health.”

#### Funding

- Ψ Several funding opportunities are available including federal work study stipends, merit-based tuition waivers, and fellowships.

For more information find us on the web at <http://www.rosalindfranklin.edu/sgpds/psychology/>.