

The Minnesota Psychological Association cosponsors Friday Forums with Metropolitan State University Psychology Department

FIRST FRIDAY FORUM

Friday, February 2, 2018

Black Awareness and Academic Achievement

Eric Mahmoud; Tabitha Grier-Reed, Ph.D., LP; Ted Thompson, B.A.

Registration:

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.

Program:

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

This session is at the intermediate level

*and is designed for psychologists and other
mental health professionals.*

Location:

Metropolitan State University – St. Paul Campus Auditorium
700 East Seventh St., St. Paul, MN 55106

About the Program:

This program qualifies for 3.0 continuing education credits.

This forum features three speakers who will address the topic of Black Awareness and Academic Achievement.

Eric Mahmoud will draw on his years of experience as an urban educational administrator to reflect on the achievement gap and how pathways to success can be forged despite disparities in educational opportunities. He will discuss closing the achievement gap, highlighting examples from his charter school work and the role mental health professionals/educators and community members can play in bridging the gap.

Dr. Tabitha Grier-Reed will discuss her efforts to address the achievement gap via the African American Student Network (AFAM). Dr. Grier-Reed co-founded AFAM in 2005 as a safe space for Black students on a predominantly White college campus. She will share both quantitative and qualitative research on how AFAM seems to operate in the lives of students. Her discussion will include adaptations of the network for high school students, psychosocial tasks facing African American emerging adults, and AFAM as a culturally specific counseling intervention.

Ted Thompson will identify the importance of mental health to academic achievement for African Americans and the important role of mental health professionals in bridging the achievement gap. He will identify how a resilience approach in a strength based practice can help individuals, families, and the community meet the challenge of addressing the achievement gap.

Participants will be able to:

1. Describe the achievement gap for African American students and two successful efforts to bridge it.
2. Describe the relationship between Black students' awareness of their culture and academic achievement and the impact of providing a support network on student achievement.
3. Identify two strategies that mental health professionals can use to facilitate academic achievement and success for African Americans and how a resilience approach can help individuals, families, and the community address the achievement gap.

A reception will follow the event honoring Rudy Rousseau with John M. Taborn Award for Outstanding Contributions to Psychology by a Person of African Descent.

Please note: You must attend the full 3-hour program to get continuing education credit for the event.

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LOCATION: Metropolitan State St. Paul Campus Auditorium

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