PSY 390 Research Opportunity – Spring 2016

Faculty member or graduate student
Margo J. Monteith
Professor—Social Psychology

Description of research area
Research in Dr. Monteith’s lab explores issues related to intergroup relations. What factors help members of different groups to get along versus contribute to stereotyping, prejudice, and discrimination? How can the discriminatory effects of implicit (i.e., nonconscious) intergroup biases be reduced? Are members of stigmatized groups susceptible to applying societal stereotypes to themselves, and how can they learn not to do so? How can honest dialogue between people of different races be encouraged so that they can achieve mutual understanding and curb racial biases? What do women experience as barriers to assuming leadership roles? These are the types of questions that are investigated through research studies in Dr. Monteith’s lab. We will be planning and conducting experiments related to these issues throughout the semester.

Description of undergraduate participation
Students will help to plan and execute (e.g., data collection) research. In addition, weekly one-hour research group meetings will be held to discuss various projects in the lab and teach students what research is all about. PSY 390 students have the opportunity to discuss their future goals and receive guidance for pursuing them.

Research setting
Labs in Psychology Building.

Number of assistants needed
4

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Additional comments
• Must have completed PSY 120
• Completion of or enrollment in PSY 240 and PSY 203 preferred
• GPA of 3.0 or higher is preferred