Faculty Thoughts: Charles Lord

Many students major in psychology because they want to help people who are suffering from mental disorders (clinical psychology) or having serious adjustment problems (counseling psychology), and they usually picture themselves doing that either one client at a time or in small group therapy sessions. I urge you to consider an alternative route: To conduct basic research that can help not just one person at a time, but a number of people impossible for one person to treat in a lifetime. To mention a very few from a long list of contributions, researchers in neuroscience have discovered the causes and cures for central nervous system problems that formerly afflicted millions. Researchers who study basic learning principles have perfected techniques that helped millions to overcome phobias. Researchers who study human cognition have found flaws in eyewitness testimony that laid the legal groundwork for DNA tests to free hundreds of wrongly accused innocents, some of them from death row. Researchers who study child development have shown that “good jobs” and high fives are far more effective than corporal punishment in raising children in general, and children with disabilities in particular. Researchers in experimental social psychology contributed important evidence that led to the historic 1954 Brown vs. Board of Education U.S. Supreme Court decision. At TCU we offer the opportunity for undergraduate psychology majors to get involved in labs that are conducting cutting edge research in Neuroscience, Learning, Experimental Social Psychology, and Cognitive and Developmental Psychology. Try it! You’ll like it!

Publications


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