

## **Our Vision**

- Frame the conceptual questions and developing the methodologies of psychology as an interdisciplinary science.
- Train the next generation of diverse scientists to make impactful advances in the field of psychology, by providing a strong foundation in research, teaching, and clinical science.
- Train undergraduates to find, critically evaluate, and apply published research. Inspire them to continue to use principles of behavioral science in their life after Emory.

## **Our Mission and Goals**

### **Research Mission**

We view psychology as an interdisciplinary science, and as such our mission is to integrate and synthesize concepts, methods and empirical findings from biology (e.g., genetics, microbiology, evolutionary biology), philosophy of science, sociology, anthropology, neuroscience, statistics, and psychiatry (among others) to advance knowledge about behavior and the mind.

### **Research Goals:**

- Incentivize research productivity, particularly innovative ideas that advance the field, and leading-edge methodologies that enable new discoveries and extend previous ones
- Hire new and train existing faculty and staff with computational / technical skills that enable interdisciplinary collaborations
- Encourage innovative collaborative efforts that take full advantage of departmental and extra-departmental resources including FERN, Yerkes, Child Study Center, Psychological Center, Rollins Animal Facilities, Psychiatry, Marcus Center, CDC
- Incentivize faculty and student grant writing and increase our success rate for external grant applications and funding
- Develop more efficient and wide-ranging strategies to train our undergraduates in research, within our department and in cross departmental collaborations

### **Teaching Mission**

We view teaching as an indispensable part of the broader research mission to shape the future of the field. As such, we aim to be a vital part of the pipeline from undergraduate to graduate to new investigators who will be shaping the field. We also aim to promote scientific thinking and systematic empiricism among undergraduates more broadly to support the application of scientifically grounded approaches to enhancing knowledge and improving quality of life. Our departmental teaching mission also reflects our commitment to interdisciplinary training at both the undergraduate and graduate levels, further reflecting our vision of psychology.

**Teaching Goals:**

- Actively mentor faculty and graduate students in teaching
- Recognize faculty contributions to undergraduate teaching
- Implement revisions to undergraduate curriculum that enhance scientific thinking
- Develop a new graduate curriculum in line with Department strategic goals
- Encourage collaboration and flexibility in graduate student training
- Improve graduate students' grant writing, pedagogical, quantitative and technical skills so they can compete effectively for post graduate and academic jobs
- Increase the diversity of our graduate students with the goal of increasing the diversity of researchers in academic settings and the diversity of clinical scientists in psychology
- Contribute to interdisciplinary and cross-disciplinary programs including CMBC, NBB, Linguistics, QTM, and GDBBS