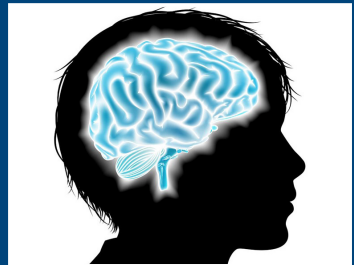


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## **\*\*About our Psychology Program and this Symposium\*\***

Understanding human behavior is a distinct advantage in any career pursuit involving human interaction. Our Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology develops critical and analytical thinking skills as well as research skills. It also offers students a breadth of knowledge of the discipline in preparation for graduate or professional training and helps students apply their knowledge in real-life situations. The Psychology Symposium will assist students in understanding the requirements for acceptance in graduate and professional schools and in developing a perspective on the many different career choices in the broad field of psychology. Additionally, our students will enjoy a talk on current research in psychology from our keynote speaker. The psychology program is one of the largest programs in the College of Health, Education, and Human Sciences. We thank you for attending the symposium.



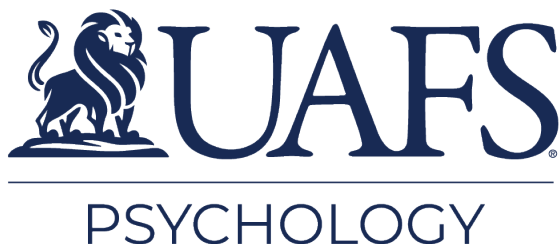
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- 8 a.m. Psychology Majors Check-in (Main Hallway)
- 8:30 a.m. Welcome and Overview  
Nicha Otero, Ph.D. - Interim Department Head, Psychology  
D. Antonio Cantú, Ph.D. - Dean, College of Health, Education,  
and Human Sciences
- 8:45 a.m. Session 1: Plenary - "Family Therapy: An Overview and Call to Return to Our  
Psychotherapeutic Home"  
Melissa Huff, LAC, LAMFT
- 9:50 a.m. Networking Event with Agencies
- 11 a.m. Session 2A: Student Research Papers
- 11:45 a.m. Session 2B: Student Research Posters
- 12:30 p.m. Outstanding Student Awards  
Pinning of Fall Graduates  
Closing





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