

**Neuropsychology Research Group**  
**Amy M. Wisniewski, PhD**  
Email: awisniewski@pgsp.edu

**Current/Ongoing Projects:**

1. Cross-cultural neuropsychology:

The effects of gender, culture and acculturation on executive function performances in adults from 18 to 90+ with varying levels of education. Will recruit participants from the following communities: African Americans and recent African immigrants, Asian Americans (Japanese Americans, Chinese Americans, Korean Americans, Vietnamese Americans, Filipino Americans, Indian Americans), Latinos (Mexican Americans), Persian (Iranian) Americans, Israeli Americans, Arab Americans, recent Russian (Soviet) immigrants, and European Americans/Caucasians.

2. Neuropsychology of executive functions (planning, set shifting, self-monitoring, inhibition) and memory in substance use disorders.

3. Neuropsychological correlates of medical disorders including:

- a) Auto-immune illnesses (lupus)
- b) Acquired immune diseases (HIV/AIDS)

**New Projects:**

1. Meta-analysis of the effects of psychotropic medications on neuropsychological performances:

- a) Anti seizure drugs
- b) Mood stabilizers

2. Compilation of normative data for selected neuropsychological tests developed for use with children and teens.

**Openings:**

3 or 4 new members to join the group officially in September 2009, but interested first year students are welcome to attend and participate during their first year at PGSP.

**Apply:**

Interested students are asked to submit the following items to Dr. Wisniewski no later than 5:00pm on Friday, April 10, 2009:

1. Curriculum Vitae
2. One or two page essay discussing past research experience, how and why the student became interested in neuropsychology, and a description of specific research and clinical interests in neuropsychology.
3. A one to two page essay discussing the student's professional career goals (what the student hopes and plans to be doing five years after graduation).
4. A writing sample - usually a paper submitted for a psychology class while a student at PGSP. Your research proposal from the Research Methods class is a good choice.

**Notification:**

Students accepted into the Neuropsychology Research Group will be notified by email at 10:00am Monday, May 11, 2009.