

## Institute Description

Graduate programs today are required to constantly evaluate their training curricula in order to stay competitive with each other and within the world at large. As certain industries and fields of study evolve, so too must their programs of study. But is such an approach necessarily applicable to ALL professions? This year, the Institute will be addressing this question as it relates to the future of School Psychology: Whether the field should maintain Master's-level training or move solely to a Doctoral-level track.

To frame the discussion, we will start with a keynote address by Dr. Jeffrey Miller that will look at other fields and professions that have eliminated a Master's degree and the effect it's had on their training and programs. Dr. Deanne Bonner will follow with a presentation outlining the benefits of Master's-level training to the field of Social Work, as well as a discussion on the many ways in which social workers in schools provide valued clinical and treatment support to psychologists in schools.

After the break, we will hear from two school psychologists who will present major points of each side of the issue. Dr. Rick Short will illustrate how school psychology may already be naturally moving toward a Doctoral-only track, and Dr. Cecil Reynolds will outline why specialization must be incorporated into school psychology curricula, especially if the option for Master's- and EdS-level trainings is maintained. The day will close with a Q&A session during which both attendees and panelists will have the opportunity to ask further questions about the information that has been presented.

## Institute Objectives

Attendees of the 15th Annual Institute will learn how new directions in training are affecting other professions. They will come away with a firmer understanding of the issues at stake regarding the future of School Psychology training and the field as a whole.

### Hotel Accommodations

Please use the 2008 APA Convention Housing Reservation Form found in the *APA Monitor*, *American Psychologist*, or on the web at <http://www.apa.org/convention>.



### For More Information Contact

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## Program

**12:30 pm – 1:00 pm**  
**Registration**

**1:00 pm – 2:30pm**  
**Welcome and Opening**  
Ronald S. Palomares, PhD  
APA Office of Policy & Advocacy  
in the Schools

**Keynote Address**  
Jeffrey A. Miller, PhD, ABPP  
Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and  
Research  
Duquesne University

Deanne Bonner, EdD, MSW  
Professor of Social Work  
Director, Dual Degree Program in  
Social Work and Education  
Boston University School of Social Work

**2:30 pm – 3:00 pm**  
**Break and Refreshments**

**3:00 pm – 5:00 pm**  
Rick Short, PhD  
Associate Dean  
Research, Assessment, Planning and  
Accreditation  
Professor of Psychology  
Middle Tennessee State University

Cecil R. Reynolds, PhD  
Professor of Educational Psychology  
Professor of Neuroscience  
Distinguished Research Scholar  
Texas A&M University

Q&A with Panel and Attendees

# Registration Form

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**Fax: (202) 336-5813**

### Early Registration (Before August 5<sup>th</sup>)

APA member **\$30**\_\_\_\_  
Non-member **\$45**\_\_\_\_  
APAGS/SASP **\$15**\_\_\_\_

### Between August 6<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>

APA member **\$40**\_\_\_\_  
Non-member **\$55**\_\_\_\_  
APAGS/SASP **\$20**\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: On-site registration available by credit card only**

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*15<sup>th</sup> Annual Institute for  
Psychology in the Schools*

## If It Ain't Broke, Should We Still Fix It?

## A Discussion on New Directions in Training for School Psychology

**Wednesday, August 13, 2008  
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm**

**Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel  
Adams Room  
Boston, MA**

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