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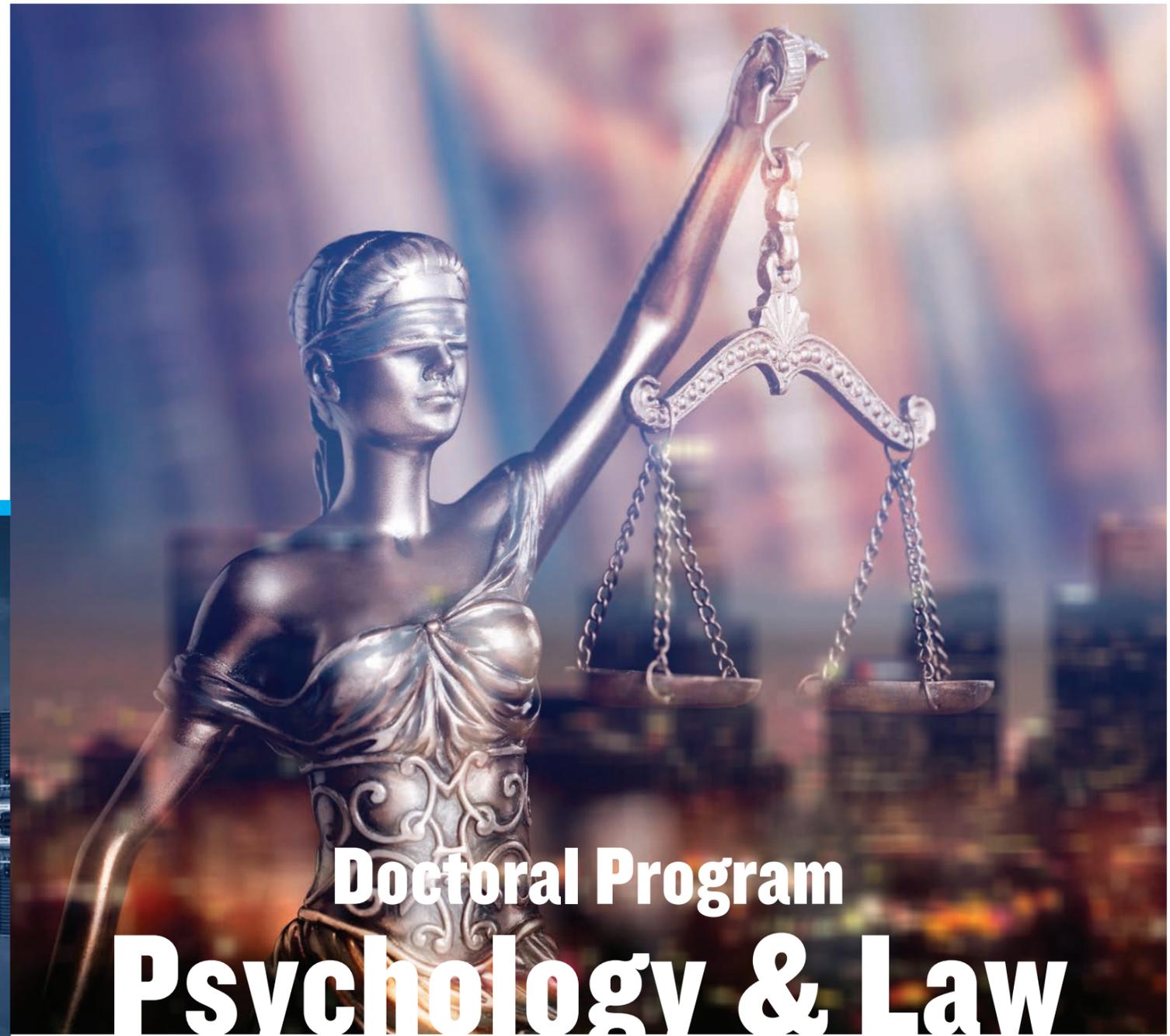
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## Doctoral Program Psychology & Law

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# Why Psychology & Law at John Jay?

There are several unique features to our Psychology & Law Doctoral Program that set it apart from other programs. Students are given five years of guaranteed stipend support, 100% tuition waiver, and access to health insurance for a nominal fee. Students learn from leading scholars and from faculty and staff at the research institutes housed at John Jay, including the Prisoner Reentry Institute, Center on Terrorism, Center for Policing Equity, and the National Network for Safe Communities.

The Psychology and Law program trains students to become critical scholars prepared to address psycho-legal issues through their work. We foster student growth and development, prepare students to serve professionally in academic and applied fields, and promote human welfare, social justice, and public service.

All students admitted to the Psychology & Law Doctoral Program receive 5 years of support in the form of a stipend (currently worth \$26,128/year), a tuition waiver, and access to health insurance for a nominal fee. Students have dedicated office space, equipped with computers and access to printing. They also have access to research participants via our subject pool, as well as statistical packages and Qualtrics among other software programs.

## Research Opportunities

Students are actively engaged in research from the start of their degree programs and have many opportunities to present and publish their research. Research interests among faculty and students are broad, and include:

- the plausibility of psychological assumptions built into legal rules of evidence and procedure and the substantive rules of the juvenile, criminal and civil justice systems

- jury selection by attorneys and social scientists
- jury decision-making in criminal and civil cases
- the accuracy of child and adult eyewitness identification and crime reports
- children's involvement in the legal system
- trauma and witness memory
- the impact of investigative procedures on witness memory
- the development and detection of deception
- assessment of the utility and biases inherent in police procedures
- neuroscience and the law
- analysis of crime scenes and criminal behavior
- the psychology of plea bargaining
- the psychology of confessions, false confessions and alibis
- social aspects of memory
- social media and memory
- intergenerational transmission of knowledge and memories
- evidence-based reform of the juvenile and adult criminal justice systems and public policy



Doctoral students have ample opportunity to explore a wide variety of interests in psychology and have access to the entire City University of New York system of scholars and researchers—as well as those at sister institutions in the greater NY area. John Jay is located in mid-town Manhattan in New York City, the most diverse and culturally rich city in the world. We occupy a state-of-the-art facility, including mock courtrooms, beautiful classrooms, new offices and labs, and expansive views of the Hudson River and the surrounding cityscape.

## Distinguished Faculty

The Department of Psychology at John Jay includes two Distinguished Professors, Steve Penrod and Saul Kassin, and a Presidential Scholar Margaret Bull Kovera, along with leading scholars and international visiting professors. From 2004 to early 2018, our faculty accomplishments include:

- 19 NSF research grants worth over \$5M received; Steve Penrod and Margaret Kovera rank #2 and #5 in all-time grant getters in the NSF Law and Social Sciences program, respectively.
- a cumulative total of nearly 900 scholarly works published, which have garnered over 35,000 citations; the growth in citations is in the top quarter of NRC rankings
- two faculty that have served as Editor-in-Chief of leading journals: Kovera, Law and Human Behavior; Penrod, Psychology, Public Policy and Law, and Psychology, Crime and Law

Several faculty members have served as presidents of organizations: Center for Policing Equity, Society for Applied Research in Memory and Cognition, and the American Psychology-Law Society.

For the latest publications go to [www.jjay.cuny.edu/doc-psylaw-faculty](http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/doc-psylaw-faculty)

For a list of recent presentations go to [www.jjay.cuny.edu/prelaw-presentation](http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/prelaw-presentation)

## Student Success

Many of the students who enroll in our program did their undergraduate work at selective liberal arts colleges (e.g., Emory, Williams, Mills) and public Research I universities (e.g., California, Florida, Kansas, Penn State).

In recent years, students in the Psychology and Law program have:

- been awarded 13 NSF Dissertation Improvement Grants
- been awarded 2 NIJ Graduate Research Fellowships
- been awarded 2 NSF Graduate Research Fellowships worth nearly \$150K each
- presented 315 papers at conferences
- authored 125 publications (student authorships during grad training plus first year after graduation)

## Job Placements and Employment Opportunities

Our graduates are highly successful in obtaining academic and research positions as well as employment in the private sector as trial consultants. All of our students find meaningful career opportunities after graduation.

- 78% are placed in an academic or research position upon graduation
- 7% are hired as adjuncts upon graduation
- 15% are hired as trial consultants upon graduation

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in research grants awarded to the Department of Psychology faculty over the past decade