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KELLI JOHNSON, PH.D. SELECTED TO LEAD NEW ORLEANS' ONLY DOCTORAL CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY PROGRAM

*Dr. Johnson named Department Chair of The Chicago School's
Clinical Psy.D. Program at Xavier University of Louisiana.*

New Orleans LA - Dr. Kelli Johnson has been named Department Chair of the Doctoral Program in Clinical Psychology at [The Chicago School of Professional Psychology at Xavier University of Louisiana](http://www.tcspp@xula.edu) (TCSPP@XULA). Dr. Johnson assumed her new role on March 1, 2018.

Prior to joining The Chicago School, one of the leading nonprofit institutions devoted to psychology, and related behavioral sciences, Dr. Johnson served as an assistant professor and the Director of Clinical Training at the Illinois School of Professional Psychology at Argosy University. An APA accreditation site visitor, she is also the Past President of the Association of Chicagoland Externship and Practicum Training, has served as a site visitor for the International Association of Counseling Services; and currently serves as the Chair for the Ethnic Racial Diversity Committee for the National Council of Schools and Programs for Professional Psychology.

"I am thrilled that Dr. Johnson has decided to join The Chicago School in this crucial role," said Margie Martyn, Ph.D., Campus Dean, The Chicago School Chicago Campus and TCSPP@XULA. "Dr. Johnson is a licensed clinical psychologist with significant teaching experience, and has held many leadership roles in the field of psychology. I am very confident that she will be very successful in this role."

"I'm extremely excited by the opportunities that are open to The Chicago School-New Orleans, and am delighted to be part of its future. The commitment of the program, faculty, staff, and students to being of service to the community is impressive, and I am honored to be joining them in their mission," Dr. Johnson explained.

Hosted on the [Xavier University](http://www.xula.edu) (XULA) campus, the program was launched in 2016 after a partnership was forged between XULA and [The Chicago School](http://www.tcspp@xula.edu) to educate and train the next generation of practitioners who will help to meet the mental health services needs of the city and region. The program offers 106 credit hours of rigorous training in culturally competent service provision, while exposing students to a variety of practicum and internship training opportunities. It is open to qualified candidates from XULA, and other local universities, as well as to qualified professionals already working in the field who would like to expand their training and enhance their practitioner experience.

Dr. Johnson earned a Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology from the University of Miami and is a licensed clinical psychologist in Illinois and Florida (retired).

About Xavier University of Louisiana

XULA students *Leave Ready* to serve, lead, and care for their communities. For more information about Xavier University of Louisiana visit us online at www.xula.edu or follow us on Facebook, YouTube, or Twitter @XULA1925. Take a moment to learn more about how Xavier is preparing students for the future at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sD4mb-jYZC8>.

Once again, Xavier University of Louisiana received national accolades as one of the best universities in the country. Most notably, XULA is ranked as the best value among southern regional colleges and universities in the 2018 edition of "Best Colleges" by the U.S. News Media Group. Xavier also ranked No.1

in its grouping, heading the list of only 15 schools that qualified for the Southern Region category listed under “Great Schools, Great Prices.”

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About The Chicago School of Professional Psychology

Founded in 1979, The Chicago School of Professional Psychology (TCSP) is a nonprofit, private school devoted exclusively to psychology, and related behavioral health sciences. The Chicago School is an affiliate of [TCS](#), a nonprofit system of colleges advancing student success and community impact. The institution serves approximately 4,300 students across campuses in Chicago; Southern California (Los Angeles, Irvine and San Diego); and Washington, D.C., as well as through online programs. T

The Chicago School is accredited by the WASC Senior College and University Commission, (WSCUC), and its Clinical Psychology Doctoral Programs in Chicago and Washington, D.C. are accredited by the American Psychological Association. With more than 20 graduate degree programs, thousands of hours of real-world training, and a wealth of international opportunities, TCSP is the leader in professional psychology and behavioral health education. To learn more, visit www.thechicagoschool.edu.

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