



Psy.D. Colloquium Series Presents
“What Really Happened at Abu Ghraib: A Psychologist Perspective”

With Guest Speakers

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*Fixing Hell: An Army
Psychologist Confronts
Abu Ghraib*

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Few individuals in contemporary psychology have had as vital of a role in the military, national security, and geo-political issues that have been so prominent since 9/11 as Bronze star recipient Col Larry James. During that fateful & tragic week, Col James had been scheduled to give a colloquium at Regent, but due to his military duties the event had to be postponed. He was appointed chief of a psychology response task force to the Pentagon after 9/11. Since that time, Col James served both the profession of psychology and U.S. Military in influential roles that helped shape psychology's response and role in the threats facing our country. He served as chief psychologist for the joint intelligence group at Guantánamo Bay in 2003. In 2004, he was assigned to Abu Ghraib to develop policies consistent with the Geneva Convention and APA code of ethics and to implement mental health services for its 8000 prisoners in the wake of the abuses that were reported there. He served on several APA committees and task forces arguing passionately for psychology's vital role in the war on terror. Such roles have sparked international controversy but Col James is prepared to challenge misperceptions and argue for the important and honorable work of psychologists in military operations. Col James is an accomplished clinical psychologist with expertise in health psychology and clinical psychopharmacology, in addition to military psychology.