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Jennifer A. Richeson is the Philip R. Allen Professor of Psychology. For over 25 years, she has conducted research on the social psychology of intergroup relations. Specifically, Richeson



examines processes of mind and brain that influence how people experience societal diversity, with a primary focus on the dynamics that create, sustain, and yet sometimes allow us to bridge intergroup divides. Richeson also investigates how people reason about and respond to different forms of inequality and the implications of such processes for detecting and confronting injustice. Her recent research has revealed staggering socio-political consequences of the increasing racial/ethnic diversity of the United States, as well as Americans' stunning misperception of racial economic inequality.

Professor Richeson's empirical and theoretical work has been published in numerous scholarly journals and has been featured in popular publications such as *The Atlantic*, the *Economist*, and the *New York Times*. She has been recognized with many honors and awards, including a MacArthur "Genius" Fellowship, the Award for Distinguished Scientific Contributions from the American Psychological Association, the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship, the Career Trajectory Award from the Society of Experimental Social Psychology, the Nalini Ambady award for excellence in mentoring from the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, the Andrew Carnegie Senior Fellowship, and the SAGE—CASBS award.

Professor Richeson served on President Biden's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST) from 2021-2025 and is an elected member of the National Academy of Sciences, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Academy of Political and Social Science, and the American Philosophical Society. In 2019, she received an honorary doctorate from Brown University for work that "expands the boundaries of knowledge on interracial interaction and the living contexts of diversity."

Richeson was born and raised in Baltimore, MD. She earned a Bachelor of Science in psychology from Brown University, and a MA and PhD in social psychology from Harvard University. Prior to joining the Yale faculty in 2016, Richeson held faculty appointments at Northwestern University and Dartmouth College.

Through her teaching, writing, and research, Professor Richeson aims to discover promising interventions that will enable us to foster and maintain culturally diverse environments that are cohesive, equitable, and just.