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Jennifer A. Richeson is the Philip R. Allen Professor of Psychology and Director of the Social Perception and Communication Laboratory at Yale University. For over 20 years, she has conducted research on the social psychology of cultural diversity. Specifically, she examines processes of mind and brain that influence the ways in which people experience diversity, with a primary focus on the dynamics that create, sustain, and sometimes challenge societal inequality. Much of her recent research considers the political consequences of the increasing racial/ethnic diversity of the United States. 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.

Professor Richeson’s empirical and theoretical work has been published in numerous scholarly journals and has been featured in popular publications such as The Economist and The New York Times. In 2006, she was named one of 25 MacArthur “Genius” Fellows for her work "highlighting and analyzing major challenges facing all races in America and in the continuing role played by prejudice and stereotyping in our lives." She is also the recipient of the Distinguished Scientific Award for Early Career Contributions to Psychology from the American Psychological Association (APA). In 2015, Richeson received the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship and was elected to the National Academy of Sciences.

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 was the MacArthur Professor of Psychology at Northwestern University, where she was also a Faculty Fellow at the Institute for Policy Research. Before Northwestern, Richeson taught in the Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences at Dartmouth College for five years, and was a visiting fellow at Stanford University's Research Institute of Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity.

Through her teaching and research, Richeson hopes to contribute to a better understanding of intergroup relations, including how best to foster culturally diverse environments that are both cohesive and just.
Selected Recent Publications


