

## **Gaughan appointed to accreditation appeals panel**

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Edward Gaughan, professor of school psychology at Alfred University, has been appointed to the standing Accreditation Appeals Panel of the American Psychological Association (APA). His appointment to the select panel was approved by the APA's Board of Educational Affairs (BEA) at its meeting in November. The job is an important one for colleges and universities that offer programs in professional psychology. The APA is the only organization that is approved by the United States Department of Education to accredit education and training programs at the doctoral, internship and post-doctoral levels. When programs receive an adverse decision from the APA, they may appeal to the Board of Educational Affairs, which, in turn, turns them over to the Accreditation Appeals Panel for a hearing and a final decision. The Accreditation Appeals Panel "is comprised of senior-level psychologists who have many years of service associated with graduate and professional education and training and accreditation issues," explained Margaret Madden, chair of the BEA. Gaughan is a former member of the APA's Commission on Accreditation, and has many years' experience as an accreditation-site visitor. He has been a psychologist for 37 years and a faculty member at Alfred University for the past 22 years. A former division chair and dean, Gaughan currently holds the Arthur L. and Lea R. Powell Endowed Chair in Psychology and Schooling. For more on Alfred University's graduate program in school psychology: <http://www.alfred.edu/gra...> more on Prof. Gaughan: <http://www.alfred.edu/gra...>