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UNO Psychology Department Awarded \$144,000 Grant

(April 22, 2009, New Orleans, La.) – The University of New Orleans Psychology Department has received a \$144,000 grant from the Louisiana Board of Regents to renovate its in-house Psychology Clinic over the next two years under the leadership of Dr. Michelle Martel and Dr. Monica Marsee, assistant professors of psychology. Also participating in the restoration of the clinic will be professors Dr. Paul Frick, department chair, Dr. Kevin Greve, Dr. Mary Williams-Brewer and Dr. Carl Weems.

With the grant, the UNO Psychology Department's Psychology Clinic will offer state-of-the-art services, including assessment and treatment of disruptive behavior and attention problems, learning problems, and anxiety and mood problems.

The New Orleans School-Age Assessment Service (NO-SAS) will offer cost-effective, comprehensive assessments to children and adolescents, ages 6 to 18, who are experiencing:

- Problems in school, such as aggressive or disruptive behavior, hyperactivity/inattention, academic failure, or conflict with teachers;
- Problems with peers, such as fighting, rejection or substance abuse;
- Problems at home, such as conflict with parents or siblings; or
- Problems with the law, such as stealing, vandalism or truancy.



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The Learning, Attention and Neuropsychological Assessment Service will provide assessment of learning, attention and neuropsychological problems across the lifespan, from preschool through college.

The Anxiety/Mood Disorders Service will provide diagnostic assessment and 12-week treatment for anxiety and mood disorders in children.

All services will be offered to the community at a reduced, sliding scale rate.

The UNO Psychology Department Psychology Clinic's Mission is to alleviate mental health concerns in New Orleans in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, provide mental health services to the community at a reduced rate, provide cutting-edge clinic training to graduate students, forge connections with local mental health agencies, and recruit research participants for studies examining etiology, assessment and treatment of mental health problems.

The University of New Orleans (UNO), the urban research University of the State of Louisiana, provides essential support for the educational, economic, cultural and social well-being of the culturally rich and diverse New Orleans metropolitan area. It opened its doors in 1958 as part of the Louisiana State University System "to bring public-supported higher education to Louisiana's largest urban community." Today, UNO offers 43 undergraduate degree programs, 37 masters, and 11 doctoral programs. The 340-acre main campus sits on the south shore of Lake Pontchartrain, offering easy access to all parts of the metro area. For more information, visit www.uno.edu.