

## Pioneer of Black Psychology, Joseph White, Ph.D., to Speak at UA



The Psychology Archives is pleased to welcome back Dr. Joseph L. White to The University of Akron campus for the 5<sup>th</sup> installment of the Spring Colloquium Series.

For the past 45 years, Dr. White has enjoyed a distinguished career in the field of psychology and mental health as a teacher, mentor, administrator, clinical supervisor, writer, consultant, and practicing psychologist. He is currently Professor Emeritus of Psychology and Psychiatry at the University of California, Irvine, where he spent most of his career as a teacher, supervising psychologist, mentor, and Director of ethnic studies and cross-cultural programs. Dr. White received his Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Michigan State University in 1961. He is the author of several papers and four books: *The Psychology of Blacks: An African-American Perspective* (1999; 1990; 1984); *The Troubled Adolescent* (1989); *Black Man Emerging: Facing the Past and Seizing a Future in America* (1999); *Black Fathers: An Invisible Presence in America* (2006). He was a pioneer in the field of Black psychology and is affectionately referred to as the “Godfather” of Black psychology by his students, mentees, and younger colleagues. His seminal article in *Ebony* magazine in 1970, “Toward a Black Psychology,” was instrumental in beginning the modern era of African-American and ethnic psychology.

In addition to his teaching and research, Dr. White has been a practicing psychologist and consultant. He has served as a supervising psychologist and staff affiliate psychologist to five hospitals and three clinical practices in Southern California. He has worked as a consultant with school districts, universities, private organizations, drug prevention programs, and government agencies. Dr. White was appointed to the California State Psychology Licensing Board by Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. and served as chairman for three years. He is currently a member of the Board of Trustees of The Menninger Foundation in Houston, Texas.

We hope that you can join us on Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 12:30 – 2:00 pm, in Room 312 of the Student Union, for his interesting talk titled “*The Birth and Evolution of the Modern Era of African American Psychology: One Man’s Journey*”. There will be a reception following the event. As usual, this event is free and open to the public. For more information please contact Dorothy Gruich at 972-7285, email [ahap@uakron.edu](mailto:ahap@uakron.edu). Visit the website for the colloquium schedule: [http://www3.uakron.edu/ahap/news/colloquium\\_flier\\_2007.pdf](http://www3.uakron.edu/ahap/news/colloquium_flier_2007.pdf)