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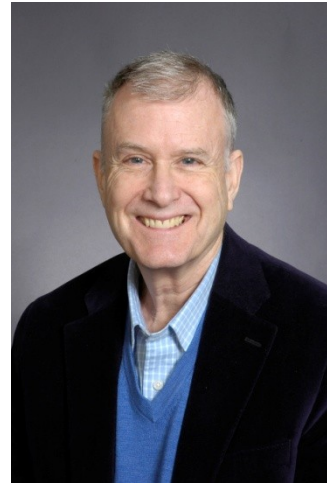
Dr. Richard Nisbett

from the University of Michigan

April 23, 2010 at 4:30 pm

Social Sciences Building Room 122

Following the lecture the department will host a reception with wine and light hors d'oeuvres for psychology faculty, staff, postdocs, and grad students in the G108 Lounge & Room G117.



Topic

"Intelligence and how to get it: Nature, Nurture and Neurons"

IQ, which measures only one aspect of intelligence, is not as heritable as has been assumed in the past, and is highly population-specific. Heritability in any case poses no limits on modifiability. IQ -- and intelligence broadly defined -- are profoundly affected by schools, subcultures, and societal forces, and have been increasing for the past 90 years. Interventions, including early childhood education and ambitious school reforms can have very large effects on IQ, academic achievement and ultimate occupational attainment. Much can be done to reduce the SES and racial gaps in IQ and academic achievement.