



Psychology Department

March 7, 2017

Dear Psychology Graduate:

On behalf of the faculty and staff in the Psychology Department I congratulate you on your upcoming graduation!

There are two important events to celebrate your commencement, and I encourage you to attend both, along with your family and friends.

The first event is the **Psychology Department Spring 2017 Convocation**. The departmental commencement is scheduled for Friday, May 12, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. in UNM's Popejoy Hall, located in the Center for the Arts. This event is specifically for psychology graduates and is hosted by the Psychology Department faculty and staff. This gives us the opportunity to congratulate you on your academic achievements and to express our appreciation to you for your participation in our department's program in the presence of your family and friends. This ceremony will also include a commencement address by one of our faculty. The highlight of this event is the recognition of each psychology graduate individually on stage. Furthermore, undergraduate students who have successfully completed the psychology honors program will be met on stage by the program director to be individually recognized and congratulated. Graduate students will be met on stage by their faculty thesis/dissertation advisor for the traditional hooding ceremony. We certainly hope that you plan to join us on this special occasion. After the ceremony we will have light refreshments in the foyer. The faculty will host this reception, which will give them the opportunity to meet you, your family and your friends.

The second event is the University of New Mexico's spring 2017 Commencement Ceremony. There will be one UNM Ceremony for both graduate and undergraduate students on Saturday, May 13, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at WisePies Arena (AKA- 'The Pit'). This ceremony is the campus-wide graduation ceremony for students from all schools, colleges, and degree programs. Details about the UNM Graduation and Psychology ceremonies are available online: <http://graduation.unm.edu>.

There is no limit to the number of guests you may bring to the Psychology Department's convocation ceremony. Also, if you would like us to include a special accomplishment (e.g., an upcoming job, graduate school or an award) in our program booklet, please send your brief description of it to Kim Larranaga (klarran@unm.edu) by April 24, 2017. This description should be 1-2 sentences.

To participate in either of these graduation ceremonies, please sign up online at <http://graduation.unm.edu> by **May 5, 2017**. If you need any special accommodations for yourself, such as an interpreter, wheelchair access, or other needs, please call the Psychology Department staff at 277-4121 as soon as possible, but no later than May 5, 2017, so we may make arrangements for you.

On behalf of the Psychology Department faculty and staff, I congratulate you once more! I hope to see you at the Psychology Department Spring 2017 Convocation Ceremony.

Sincerely,

Jane Ellen Smith, Ph.D.
Professor and Chair