

## **Dr. Charles Thomas appointed to Third College as psychology expert in Black psychology**

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Dr. Charles W. Thomas, National Honorary Chairman of the Association of Black Psychologists and recognized as the "Father of Black Psychology," has been appointed to the faculty of The Third College at the University of California, San Diego.

Dr. Thomas will serve as Professor in the Department of Urban and Rural Studies in Third College, the third in a series of colleges planned for the UCSD campus. The academic plan developed for the college has as its primary emphases the education of minority students, and the study and alleviation of contemporary social problems.

Dr. Thomas has served as Chairman of the Education and Training Board of the American Psychological Association and holds board membership on several state and national organizations concerned with the field of psychology.

Prior to joining the faculty at Third College, Dr. Thomas was Director of the Center for the Study of Racial and Social Issues in Los Angeles. He is the author of numerous publications, his most recent being the book "Boys No More: A Black Psychologist's View of Community."

Dr. Thomas, who has been a visiting distinguished lecturer and scientist at several major universities, completed his undergraduate studies at Morgan State College. He received his doctorate from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland in 1961.

He is married to the former Shirley Wade of Cleveland and they have two children, Charles III and Shawn Leilane. Mrs. Thomas is an educational sociologist. As a team, the Thomases have conducted field studies in the United States and abroad on Black ethnicity as a psychological model developing social competence.

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