

Resolution on the Retirement of Professor David W. Harder
at a Meeting of the Faculty of Arts & Sciences and Engineering
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With this resolution, the faculty of the Department of Psychology recognizes and honors the career of our colleague, Professor David W. Harder.

Dave was hired by Tufts in 1979, promoted to Associate Professor in 1984, and then promoted to Full Professor in 1993. Over the past 38 years, Dave has played an essential role in teaching and coordinating our Clinical Psychology major, which is unique among universities in the United States and culminates in a year-long clinical internship in which seniors have the opportunity to gain experience at a human services site within the Boston area. Dave has supervised hundreds of students through a capstone course that accompanies this internship. These students have been very successful in gaining admission to research-oriented Ph.D. and clinically-oriented PsyD graduate schools. In addition, Dave has taught several courses that provide students with a deep exploration of basic principles, methodological approaches, and clinical and field applications of theory in personality and abnormal psychology.

Dave's research focused on improving psychiatric outcomes through personality assessment and measurement across a range of topics such as the experience of shame and guilt, self-derogation, spirituality experiences, and life events stress. The *Harder Personal Feelings Questionnaire*, designed for the assessment of the propensity to experience shame and guilt, has been used in over 65 research projects worldwide since its development in the 1990s to understand a wide variety of psychological and psychiatric outcomes.

Dave has made important service contributions to Tufts. He has been concerned with matters of curriculum, as a member or chair of the Curriculum Committee, as well as the Summer School Committee. He also served on the Budget and Priorities Committee and the Faculty Executive Committee. He has been closely involved in a number of mental health related issues on campus, including the Tufts Threat Assessment and Management Policy Group, Counseling Center case presentation consultations, and Planning Committee for Counseling Psychology. In addition, he co-ran several study effectiveness workshops for students through the Experimental College. And, finally, we note that Dave spent several years as solid infielder and consistent bat for the Tufts Psychology Softball team.

Beyond his teaching and service at Tufts, Dave has played an important role in the residential and professional local community. He served on the Board of Directors and/or Corporate Board of the Tri-City Community Mental Health Center (Medford, Malden, & Everett), on the Brooks-Hobbs Magnet School Advisory Board (Medford), and conducted continuing-education diagnostic workshops for the Massachusetts Psychological Association. In addition, he has maintained a small clinical private practice, and, since January 2013, he has been a member of a Suicide Study/Prevention Group that focuses on case presentations/discussions of high risk individuals.

In summary, Dave has been an important part of the Clinical Psychology major and a bridge between the theoretical/research and applied areas of the psychology field. He has been dedicated to the broad education of our undergraduates within the Department and beyond.

On behalf of the faculty in the Department of Psychology, I move that this resolution on the retirement of David W. Harder be spread on the permanent record of this faculty and that a copy of it be sent to him.