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The first African American to receive his Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Michigan State University, Dr. Joseph L. White dedicated most of his career advocating for students of color. He helped establish the statewide Educational

Opportunities Program in California and established the first Black Studies department at San Francisco State University in 1968. He is also most known for his article, *"Toward a Black Psychology"*, which has been cited as

inspiration and foundation for the field of Black psychology and the African American psychologist.