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Albert Sidney Beckham was the first Psychology professor at Howard University. He is known for establishing a research lab to study the differences in intelligence in children of

different ethnicities. Much of his professional work was focused on challenging suggestions that African Americans were inherently less capable than their white peers. Dr. Beckham

and his wife, Dr. Ruth Winifred Howard, directed the Center for Psychological Services from 1940 to 1964.