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Dr. Carolyn Robertson Payton, Ph.D. was the first African-American and the first woman director of the United States Peace Corps. Her master's research concluded that the new Wechsler test provided an inaccurate measure of the

ability of Blacks. Earlier in her career she worked as an Associate Professor at Virginia State College and Howard University and the Dean of Women at Elizabeth City State University. She was very active in the American Psychological

Association and served on the Scientific and Professional Ethics and Conduct, Task Force on Sex Bias and Sex Role Stereotyping committees, the Committee on Lesbian and Gay Concerns and The Committee on Women in Psychology.