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Claude Steele

Lucie Stern Professor in the Social Sciences, Emeritus

Psychology

Bio

BIO

Claude M. Steele is an American social psychologist and a Professor of Psychology at Stanford University.

He is best known for his work on stereotype threat and its application to minority student academic performance. His earlier work dealt with research on the self (e.g., self-image, self- affirmation) as well as the role of self-regulation in addictive behaviors. In 2010, he released his book, Whistling Vivaldi and Other Clues to How Stereotypes Affect Us, summarizing years of research on stereotype threat and the underperformance of minority students in higher education.

He holds B.A. in Psychology from Hiram College, an M.A. in Social Psychology from Ohio State University, and a Ph.D. in Social Psychology and Statistical Psychology from Ohio State University.

He is elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the National Academy of Sciences, the National Science Board, the National Academy of Education, and the American Philosophical Society.

He currently serves as a trustee of the Russell Sage Foundation and the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, and as a Fellow for both the American Institutes for Research and the American Academy of Political and Social Science.

He has served in several major academic leadership positions as the Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost at UC Berkeley, the I. James Quillen Dean for the School of Education at Stanford University, and as the 21st Provost of Columbia University. Past roles also include serving as the President of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, as the President of the Western Psychological Association, and as a member of the Board of Directors of the American Psychological Society.

Professor Steele holds Honorary Doctorates from Yale University, Northwestern University, University of Chicago, University of Michigan, DePaul University and
Claremont Graduate University.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Professor Emeritus, Psychology
- Member, Wu Tsai Human Performance Alliance

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- Lucie Stern Professor Emeritus of Psychology (Full-time recalled), Stanford University, Psychology Department, (2017- present)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Gordon Allport Fellow, American Academy of Political and Social Science (2017)
- Fellow, American Institutes for Research (2016)
- Scientific Impact Award, The Society of Experimental Social Psychology (2016)

BOARDS, ADVISORY COMMITTEES, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Trustee, Russell Sage Foundation (2010 - present)
- Trustee, John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation (2008 - present)

PROGRAM AFFILIATIONS

- Center for Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity (CCSRE)

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Ph.D., Ohio State University , Major in Social Psychology Minor in Statistical Psychology (1971)
- M.A., Ohio State University , Social Psychology (1969)
- B.A., Hiram College , Psychology (1967)

LINKS

- Lab website: https://claudesteele.com/

Teaching

COURSES

2026-27

- Mind, Culture, and Society: PSYCH 215 (Win)
- Research Methods in Social Psychology and Allied Fields: EDUC 497, PSYCH 297 (Aut)
- The Science of Diverse Communities: CSRE 30N, EDUC 30N, PSYCH 30N, SOC 179N (Aut)

2025-26

- Mind, Culture, and Society: PSYCH 215 (Win)
- Research Methods in Social Psychology and Allied Fields: EDUC 497, PSYCH 297 (Aut)
- The Science of Diverse Communities: CSRE 30N, EDUC 30N, PSYCH 30N, SOC 179N (Aut)

2024-25

- Mind, Culture, and Society: PSYCH 215 (Win)
- Research Methods in Social Psychology and Allied Fields: EDUC 497, PSYCH 297 (Win)
- The Science of Diverse Communities: CSRE 30N, EDUC 30N, PSYCH 30N, SOC 179N (Aut)

2023-24

- Mind, Culture, and Society: PSYCH 215 (Win)
- Research Methods in Social Psychology and Allied Fields: EDUC 497, PSYCH 297 (Aut)
- The Sociocultural Shaping of Psychological Experience: PSYCH 144 (Spr)

STANFORD ADVISEES

Doctoral Dissertation Reader (AC)

Leslie Remache

Doctoral Dissertation Reader (NonAC)

Cedric Lim (Chun Hui)