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# Alvin Killough, Ph.D., Brings Depth of Experience in Psychology to U of M Crookston

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CROOKSTON, Minn. (March 5, 2007) – A social behavioral health scientist, Alvin



Alvin Killough, Ph.D.

Killough, Ph.D., joined the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) in late fall 2006. He brings more than ten years of teaching experience along with a wealth of research and writing experience. Killough is currently developing a proposal for an applied psychology degree to be offered at UMC along with teaching both developmental and general psychology courses.

With more than five years interdisciplinary applied research experience in behavioral medicine, Killough has worked specifically in the areas of pain and chronic disease management and HIV/AIDS. Killough's work with community health services has focused on providing technical assistance for capacity building in health education and promotion in areas of cultural competency and substance abuse prevention. He has also served as supervisor and editor for medical education and publication projects for the scientific community.

"Unlike clinicians," Killough explains, "my expertise is in cultural ecological psychology, meaning when I look at a problem, I look at the human social systems. Thus, when I look at pathology, I look at it as an infrastructure. You gain efficiency by fixing human systems and many of them operate on the cultural level."

Killough graduated with his doctorate from North Carolina State University in Raleigh. He has authored and coauthored publications related to underserved and understudied populations. Killough serves as a consultant for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and most recently, he was a visiting research associate professor in the Department of Psychology at North Carolina Central University in Durham.

Head of the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences at UMC, Bill Peterson is excited about the wide and varied background that Killough brings to the campus. "Alvin Killough brings his teaching experience along with experience in curriculum development and teaching methodology. In addition to that, his accomplishments in research and writing will certainly benefit our department and the entire campus as we move forward."

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