

Dear Students,

In response to student feedback requesting opportunities to interact with faculty, we are pleased to announce our last Psychology Faculty Dinner of the fall semester. It will be Tuesday, Oct. 21 with Prof. Mina Cikara:

Tuesday, October 21, 6-7pm
Prof. Mina Cikara
Conservatory, Adams House

Area of research: Why is it funny when an investment banker steps in dog poo? Why do Red Sox baseball fans wear t-shirts that read, “My two favorite teams are the Red Sox and whoever is beating the Yankees”? Why is it so difficult for people on opposite sides of a moral issue to understand one another? Prof. Cikara’s research uses social psychological and cognitive neuroscience approaches to study how group membership and prejudice change the course of social cognition. She uses a wide range of tools—standard laboratory experiments, implicit and explicit behavioral measures, fMRI and psychophysiology—to study how failures of empathy, dehumanization, and misunderstanding unfold in the mind and brain. She is equally interested in the behavioral consequences of these processes.

Read more about Prof. Cikara’s research: <http://cnbc.cmu.edu/~cikalab/Home.html>

These dinners are limited to 6-8 psychology concentrators per dinner, so spaces may fill up quickly. If you would like to attend, please email Melissa Dias at melissadiaz@fas.harvard.edu by Friday, Oct. 17 at 4pm to request a space.

Sincerely,
Melissa