The Foundation for Psychology in Ohio and The Governor Ted and Frances Strickland* Psychology Innovation Grant funds innovative research, training, and community service projects in honor of Drs. Ted and Frances Strickland’s work as psychologists, and their commitment to improve the health and welfare of all citizens in Ohio.

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**DR. VAISHALI V. RAVAL** received her undergraduate degree in Psychology from the University of Toronto and then went on to get a Master’s and PhD in Clinical Developmental Psychology from the University of Windsor in Ontario. While in Windsor, Dr. Raval completed some of her clinical traineeships across the border in Detroit. Soon after, she moved to Denver, Colorado to complete a full-year pre-doctoral internship at The Children’s Hospital and then to Chicago for a post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Chicago—and finally came to Miami University of Ohio 13 years ago. Dr. Raval is a licensed psychologist in the state of Ohio.

Dr. Raval directs the Culture, Affect, Relationships Lab at Ohio University in the Department of Psychology and collaborates with several graduate and undergraduate students. They are currently studying a number of projects on understanding how parents socialize children’s emotions in different cultural contexts and how these are related to children’s emotional outcomes.

Much of Dr. Raval’s research has focused on examining contributors to mental health among Asians and Asian Americans using qualitative and quantitative methods. Her research lab has been successful in recruiting Asian American families from Ohio for psychological research, and we have also recruited participants through Facebook public groups.

**Proposed Project for the Psychology Innovation Grant:**
Dr. Vaishali Raval’s proposed project examines physiological impact of discrimination on Latinx parents and their adolescents in Ohio. Dr. Raval will be working in collaboration with Dr. Virginia Huynh, Professor of Child and Adolescent Development at California State University, Northridge, who has published extensively on racial discrimination and mental health outcomes in racial and ethnic minority groups in the USA. As part of the project, 150 Asian Americans from Ohio will be recruited to complete an online survey. Drs. Raval and Huynh plan to conduct open-ended interviews with a subsample (N = 25) concurrently. Dr. Raval’s graduate research assistant will help with the data collection over the summer.

In summary, Asian Americans in Ohio are a highly vulnerable population during the current Covid-19 pandemic, and examining their experiences of discrimination and their psychological impact is critical.

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*About the Governor Ted and Frances Strickland*
Dr. Ted Strickland served as Governor of the State of Ohio, after having served six terms in the United State Congress. He worked as a licensed psychologist at the Southern Ohio Correctional Facility, Methodist Children’s Home, and as a professor at Shawnee State University. His wife Frances Strickland, was a licensed school psychologist. Dr. Ted Strickland was also an ordained minister in the United Methodist Church. Dr. Frances Strickland worked as a licensed school psychologist, teacher, and author. They continue to work together to champion innovation in economic development, education, Veteran’s affairs, healthcare, and social issues.
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• Epidemiological surveys of the adverse impact of Covid-19 on the mental health of Ohioans, including both urban and rural communities.
• Implement an intervention program.
• Examine and evaluate behavior, lifestyles, health needs, and economic needs of Ohioans during the Covid-19 crisis.
• Explore mental health issues and health disparities in vulnerable sub-populations (e.g. unemployed, elderly, children, homeless, unemployed, people with disabilities, ethnic/racial minorities, etc.).
• Explore mental health issues among workers in essential industries/professions during the Covid-19 crisis (e.g. grocery store workers, pharmacists, first responders/police/firefighters/EMS, healthcare providers, nursing home providers, etc.).
• Create a novel community project which improves coping under the current crisis (e.g. public service announcement).

Information about the Innovation Grant is available at https://ohpsych.org/page/StricklandInnovationGrant.

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