

Eboni Winford

In recognition of the important role graduate teaching plays at UNC Charlotte, the Graduate School has presented Eboni Winford with its campus-wide Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant award. Winford, a doctoral student in Health Psychology in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, was selected for her positive contributions to the learning environment at the University.

“Graduate Teaching Assistants play a vital role in the mission of the University,” says Dr. Tom Reynolds, Associate Provost and Dean of the Graduate School. “This award recognizes graduate teaching assistants who demonstrate excellence in the classroom, the laboratory or in another significant instructional capacity. It symbolizes the Graduate School’s commitment to excellence in teaching.”

Winford’s teaching emphasizes the development of critical thinking skills and enhanced student learning. Her high expectations prompt students to do their best work. One student evaluation stated, “I never felt like we were doing busy work. Everything that we did during and outside of class was beneficial.” Winford has already served as the instructor of record for two courses and served as a teaching assistant for four other courses.

Winford received \$500 and a plaque of recognition from the Graduate School. In addition, she will be recognized at the Graduate School's annual awards reception.

Winford was recently honored at the 2011 Graduate Student Research Fair in the Health Sciences category for "*Affect and Religious Coping among Religious Individuals: Is the Emphasis Appropriately Placed?*" She is a UNC Charlotte GASP scholar and a recipient of the Graduate School’s Herschel & Cornelia Everett Foundation, First-Year Graduate Fellowship.