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Dixon joined the Howard University Department of Psychology faculty in 2001 and chaired the department from 2014-2017. Prior to joining Howard's faculty, she completed a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Michigan (1999-2001) within the Research Center for Group Dynamics of the Institute for Social Research (ISR). Also, while at ISR, she was a postdoctoral affiliate in the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)-sponsored *Psychosocial Factors in Mental Health and Mental Illness* program and participated in the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research.

The focus of Dixon's research is on social, personality, and cognitive factors that influence decision-making--especially in the face of events that threaten our security, remind us of our mortality, call into question our psychological significance, and diminish our humanity. Examples include manmade and natural disaster, pandemics, societal unrest, political violence, racial injustice and oppression. This research draws insights from terror management theorists, belief system theorists, research on social representations, social judgments, social identity, and the psychological significance of race within racialized societies. Dixon and her colleagues examine how we draw upon psychological resources to protect ourselves; how differences in perceptions, memories, interpretations of and attributions about issues and events influence our decisions; how we receive and respond to threatening information; and how the values and identities that are most salient and important to us influence our responses.

In her role as associate provost, Dixon is responsible for guiding academic planning, program review and development efforts; ongoing review and development of academic policy and administrative procedures, with specific emphasis in academic and student affairs; and providing direction and guidance in faculty affairs.