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**DR. ALAN KADISH ANNOUNCES BERNARD LANDER INSTITUTE FOR
COGNITIVE AND SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGICAL RESEARCH**

Touro College Graduate School of Psychology Inaugurates Institute with “Research Day”

New York, N.Y. – December 27, 2010 – Dr. Alan Kadish, president and CEO of Touro College, has announced the launch of The Bernard Lander Institute for Cognitive and Social Psychological Research, to initiate and perpetuate research initiatives that foster collaboration and mentoring at Touro and cultivate and support increased interest among students and faculty in applied, clinical and basic science research.

The announcement was marked with an inaugural Research Day organized by Touro's Graduate School of Psychology, held recently at the Touro College Division of Graduate Studies campus in Manhattan. Research Day was attended by over 150 students and faculty members from six of Touro's undergraduate, graduate and professional schools.

The Institute is named after Dr. Bernard Lander, of blessed memory, founding president of Touro College, who passed away in February. Dr. Lander championed academic excellence and viewed social, behavioral and basic science research as important and necessary for the advancement of the educational process.

“Touro is entering a new chapter as it evolves into an institution with a substantial research component,” said Dr. Kadish, noting that several of Touro’s health sciences schools have received grants from the National Institutes of Health Sciences within the past twelve months. “Our goal is to expand investigative work in all aspects of Touro’s system. Research Day marks an important milestone in this process.”

Over 150 students and faculty attended Research Day. Students and their mentors showcased research projects they designed that continue to be exhibited in public and professional venues. The Institute aims to coordinate and integrate this effort within and between the undergraduate and graduate divisions at Touro, while extending opportunities for interdivisional partnerships throughout Touro’s academic community.

Dr. Louis Primavera, dean of the School of Health Sciences and the Graduate School of Psychology, said that the Institute's efforts will be geared towards performing high-level research that can be published in the most prestigious journals, as well as developing grant proposals for the support of the research.

"We anticipate a multidisciplinary approach to research in a number of areas of psychology, medicine, and education," Dr. Primavera said, adding, "We are very excited about the Institute and expect great productivity from those who participate. I am confident that Dr. Lander would have been very pleased with this development."

Among the 15 projects exhibited at Research Day in applied, clinical and basic science research were:

- "Development of a new narrative personality assessment test - The Jewish TEMAS ('Tell Me a Story,')" by Dr. Giuseppe Costantino and Dr. Richard Waxman
- "Measuring religious observance among orthodox Jews," by Yosef Sokol and Dr. Leib Litman
- "Spatial-temporal characteristics of perceptual organization following acquired brain injury," by Dr. Daniel Kurylo and Dr. Richard Waxman
- "Role of rest and reactivation in the consolidation of long-term memory," by Dr. Lieb Litman

Dr. Richard Waxman, associate dean for the Graduate School of Psychology, who spearheaded Research Day, commented, "The poster sessions held seeded the initiative for the Bernard Lander Institute for Cognitive and Social Psychological Research. Presenters, as well as attendees, displayed an intellectual exuberance that hopefully will perpetuate a quality research initiative going forward throughout the Touro community."

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Over 150 Touro faculty and students recently attended Research Day at the Touro College Division of Graduate Studies campus in Manhattan. Pictured with students are, standing from left to right: faculty members Dr. Giuseppe Constantino and Dr. Rosemary Flanagan; student Yosef Sokol; Graduate School of Psychology Associate Dean Dr. Richard Waxman; faculty members Dr. Janet M. Kilian and Dr. Leib Litman; and students Moshe Miller, Claudia Silva, Evan Miller and Nadine Ahmed. Research Day was held in conjunction with the inauguration of the Bernard Lander Institute for Cognitive and Social Psychological Research.

Touro is a system of Jewish-sponsored non-profit institutions of higher and professional education. Touro College was established in 1971 primarily to enrich the Jewish heritage, and to serve the larger American community. More than 18,000 students are currently enrolled in its various schools and divisions. Touro College has branch campuses, locations and instructional sites in the New York area, as well as branch campuses and programs in Berlin, Jerusalem, Moscow, Paris, and Florida. Touro University California and its Nevada branch campus, as well as Touro College Los Angeles, are separately accredited institutions governed in common by the same Board of Trustees as Touro College. For further information on Touro College, please go to: <http://www.touro.edu/media>.

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