

Psychology

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### **Lachman lecture slated**

Elliot Valenstein, professor emeritus of psychology at the University of Michigan, will give the first Sheldon Lachman Memorial Lecture at 11 a.m. Monday, April 19, in the Community Room on the third floor of the David Adamany Undergraduate Library.

Titled "Blaming the Brain," Valenstein's discussion will focus on the way we think about mental illness and the best way to treat it. In only a few decades, predominately psychoanalytic theories have been replaced by the view that mental illness is caused by a biochemical imbalance that can be corrected by drug treatment.

Valenstein will examine how the changes in thinking took place and whether the evidence supports the biochemical theories as much as they are promoted.

Named for a 47-year faculty member in the WSU psychology department, the lecture is supported by the Sheldon J. Lachman, Ph. D. Memorial Fund.

For more information call the Wayne State psychology department at (313) 577-2800.