



Ceremony for awarding the

Doctor Honoris Causa

title to His Excellency

Professor Richard J. McNally, Ph.D.,

Harvard University.

Motivation

The Babeş-Bolyai University of Cluj-Napoca granted the prestigious degree Doctor Honoris Causa to Professor Richard J. McNally, Harvard University, for his outstanding work in clinical psychology and experimental psychopathology. His contributions have fundamentally reshaped the way mental health issues are seen today and have ranked him among the most cited scientists in psychology and psychiatry. Our university also bestowed this title upon him in recognition of his extensive collaboration and support in developing the School of Clinical Psychology at Babeş Bolyai University.

The ceremony was held on May 11, 2023. During the event, Professor Richard J. McNally gave a speech in which he expanded upon his research trajectories, such as the contemporary manifestation of phobias, the cognitive psychology of anxiety disorders, the mechanisms in connection with repressed memories and false memory propensity, network psychometrics, and the various approaches in the psychopathology of the individual.