

Remembering



Dr. Donald K. Routh

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I was saddened to learn that *Dr. Donald K. Routh* passed away on June 2, 2021 in Cape Coral, FL. Don will always be remembered as an important colleague, friend, and mentor who gave generously of his time and wisdom and who made significant and lasting contributions to the field of clinical psychology.

Don joined the faculty of the Psychology Department at the University of Miami (UM) in 1985 as a Full Professor, and soon after became the Director of Clinical Training – a role he served in until 2000. Don was a pioneer in pediatric psychology, and he helped put UM on the map in terms of developing a significant graduate training program in pediatric psychology. He was the editor of the first edition of *The Handbook of Pediatric Psychology* and, beginning in 1976, he served two terms as [Editor of the Journal of Pediatric Psychology](#) (JPP).

Don was an outstanding and prolific scholar, and a tireless editor, publishing in multiple areas of psychology. Over the years, he became keenly interested in the history of clinical psychology and published several works related to the [historical record of the discipline](#). For some personal and professional details about Don's life and research interests, you might enjoy reading his *JPP* commentary about growing older in pediatric psychology ([Routh, 2000](#)).

Don was a significant contributor to the scholarship and organizational activities of APA Division 12 – now known as the *Society of Clinical Psychology*. He served as President of Division 12, and of the two Sections (1 and 5) that focused on clinical child and pediatric psychology. These Sections eventually became APA Divisions (Div53 - *Society of Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology*; Div54 - *Society of Pediatric Psychology*). Don served as the President of these two Sections and also as Editor of their key scientific journals.

Don's leadership roles also included serving as President of APA Division 37 (now *Society for Child and Family Policy and Practice*), and Division 33 (now *Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities/Autism Spectrum Disorder*).

In addition to his professional legacy and achievements, Don will always be remembered for his humanity. Don cared about the students and colleagues he worked with and was generous and caring enough to devote substantial time and wisdom to his scholarship, mentoring, and advocacy.

In the UM Psychology Department, he was one of the original donors to the Kirk Danhour Award (for outstanding psychology graduate students). Through the American Psychological Foundation, he also established awards that are currently administered by APA Division 53 (the [Routh Research and Dissertation Grant](#)) and 54 ([Donald K. Routh Early Career Award](#)).

Many of you may especially remember Don for his humanity and caring support. He will very much be missed.

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