

Foreword

This book is the result of the efforts related to a very successful 12th Society for Vocational Psychology Biennial Conference in Tallahassee, FL at Florida State University. Drs. Janet Lenz, Casey Dozier, Debra Osborn, Gary Peterson, Bob Reardon, Jim Sampson, and Emily Bullock-Yowell did a wonderful job planning this biennial conference, which was held May 16–17, 2016. The conference title was *Integrating Theory, Research, and Practice*. At this conference, many diverse perspectives in the vocational psychology field were represented, which are reflected in the chapters of this book. Additionally, these chapters capture the critical juncture of vocational psychology and current events. The field is in a critical time, as vocational psychologists are pursuing theoretical advancements and interventions that will help individuals across the lifespan find and maintain gainful employment in an ever-changing economy. Work is shifting: shifting in nature or type of work, shifting from one country to another in a global marketplace, shifting our perception of what used to be stable sources of work, and shifting notions of what work produces. This book addresses how theory, research, and practice can work in tandem to address the shifting nature of work and the employment and career concerns of diverse groups. As we move the field forward to meet the demands of the 21st century workforce, this book will undeniably become one of our most treasured resources.

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