



John D. Krumboltz, Ph.D.

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Luck Is No Accident Making the Most of Happenstance in Your Life and Career

Dr. John D. Krumboltz is living proof of the extraordinary life journey open to those who embrace opportunity. As a youngster his inability to choose a career caused him much stress. More constructively, it sparked a lifelong exploration of how learning experiences influence people's career decisions.

Undecided about a major, Krumboltz enrolled at Coe College in his hometown of Cedar Rapids. He joined the Air Force ROTC and qualified for the varsity tennis team. As "luck" would have it, the tennis coach was also a professor of psychology. On his advice, John declared a psychology major.

Becoming a guidance counselor appealed to him. "I'd heard that counselors had tests that could tell people what their ideal occupation was," he explains. "I figured I could counsel myself on my future occupation." It was a tidy but unrealistic notion. After earning his master's degree he worked as a counselor and taught algebra in Waterloo, Iowa. As the complexities of effective guidance became apparent, so did his dissatisfaction with the non-directive counseling he'd been trained to provide.

Seeking a more scientific, practical approach, he applied to a doctoral program at the University of Minnesota. Soon after completing his degree he was called to active duty in the Air Force, where he was encouraged to continue his research and publish in professional journals. Two years later he was pursuing his interest in behavioral psychology as an assistant professor at Michigan State University. When Stanford University beckoned with a faculty position in their counselor education program, Dr. Krumboltz found a perfect fit for his innovative ideas. His revolutionary work on the effects of happenstance offers liberation and fulfillment on many levels to anyone willing to make the most of unexpected life circumstances.

"The career counselor can play a crucial role in helping clients to create positive chance events," he asserts. "As a result, clients may not end up where they requested, but they may very well end up where they want to be."

Education

- Ph.D., University of Minnesota.
- M.A., Teachers College, Columbia University.
- B.A., Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Career

- Licensed Psychologist, State of California.
- Professor of Education and Psychology, Stanford University.
- Associate Professor, Educational Psychology, Michigan State University.
- Research Psychologist, U.S. Air Force.
- Instructor, University of Minnesota.
- Counselor and Teacher, West Waterloo High School, Iowa.

Professional Activities and Honors

- Distinguished Professional Contributions to Knowledge Award, American Psychological Association.
- Living Legend in Counseling Award, American Counseling Association.
- Outstanding Research Award, International Society for Mental Health Online.
- Hall of Fame Award, H.B. McDaniel Foundation.
- Eminent Career Award, National Career Development Association.
- The Leona Tyler Award, Division of Counseling Psychology, American Psychological Association.
- Member, American Psychological Association, American Counseling Association, International Association for Educational and Vocational Guidance.
- Listed in *Who's Who in America, Leaders in Education, American Men and Women of Science.*

Publications

- *Career Beliefs Inventory: Applications and Technical Guide*, 1999.
- *Social Learning and Career Decision Making*, 1979.
- *Changing Children's Behavior*, 1972.
- *Revolution in Counseling: Implications of Behavioral Science*, 1966.

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