

Harold F. Cottingham, 68, a past president of the American Personnel & Guidance Association (1964-5) and National Vocational Guidance Association (1962-3), died August 19, 1981 following a brief illness. He was Professor Emeritus in the Department of Human Services and Studies at Florida State University. As a faculty member from 1948-1980, he had served as department chairman (1958-1968), directed more than 100 doctoral dissertations, produced more than 60 scholarly publications, and made presentations to more than 100 schools, colleges, agencies, and professional organizations.

Long active in professional associations, Dr. Cottingham was a past president of the Florida Personnel & Guidance Association (1954-6) and South-eastern Association of Counselor Educators and Supervisors (1971-2). He was a fellow of the American Psychological Association, and member of the Florida Psychological Association and Phi Delta Kappa.

Dr. Cottingham was a licensed/certified psychologist in Florida, held a Diplomate in Counseling Psychology from the Board of Examiners in Professional Psychology, and a certificate from the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology. A cofounder of the Eastwood Counseling Clinic in Tallahassee, he had maintained a private practice in counseling during recent years.

In an address to the APGA Convention in 1966 on "The Challenge of Authenticity," Cottingham wrote: "...the moral obligation of the counseling and guidance profession to set a high standard of personal integrity, as a matter of public image and individual influence, is very great indeed. We must continually seek to strengthen and our creative awareness which lies at the heart of authentic behavior."

In keeping with this belief, Dr. Cottingham was widely recognized for his national leadership in counselor licensure, affective or humanistic education, and futuristic planning for the counseling profession.

In an interview published in The School Counselor in 1979, Cottingham reflected upon his work. "I want to give students not only an awareness of the challenges they face, but also help them build their own resources to become professionals and to provide organizations with leadership or community agencies with services." The evidence of his success in achieving this goal abounds in the lives of thousands of professional counselors in the U.S. and abroad and in hundreds of communities touched by his influence.

Dr. Cottingham is survived by his wife Violet, a retired instructor and librarian at Florida State University, and two daughters, Rebecca Montague, of Madison, Wisconsin, and Sarah Gunia, of St. Augustine, FL., and four grandchildren.