

In memoriam Charles Carver

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Charles S. Carver, a Distinguished Professor of Psychology at the University of Miami and Director of the Adult Division of the Psychology Department, aged 71, died on June 22, 2019. He was born on August 19, 1947, in Cleveland, Ohio.

Charles Carver received his bachelor's degree from Brown University, and his PhD in Personality Psychology from the University of Texas at Austin in 1974. In 1975, he joined the University of Texas faculty, where he spent his entire academic career.

In Carver's own words, "...most of my work is associated in one way or another with the phrase 'self-regulation'.... I continue to be interested in places where this difference between people makes a difference in how they think, act, and are responded to by others" (<https://carver.socialpsychology.org/>). He was an extremely productive and one of the most highly cited researchers in the entire field of psychology. His work spanned the areas of personality and social psychology, human motivation, and health psychology. Recently, he was interested in experimental psychopathology. He developed measures for the assessment of several aspects of the self-regulation process, including optimism, coping, goal-setting, self-criticism, and adult attachment. He was particularly interested in the ways that people cope with stressful conditions, such as a chronic illness. He extensively published on the impact of optimism on human behavior, as well as on the coping efforts of patients suffering from breast cancer.

Carver has authored ten books and over 400 articles and book chapters. His work has been cited

over 120,000 times. He also served for six years as the Editor of the *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology* and an Associate Editor of *Psychological Review*.

For his career contributions, Carver was repeatedly honored by several scientific organizations, such as Divisions 38 (Society of Health Psychology) and 8 (Society for Personality and Social Psychology) of the American Psychological Association. In 2018, he was awarded by the APA the *Distinguished Scientific Contributions Award* "...for significant theoretical and empirical contributions to our understanding of goal-directed behavior and self-regulation."

Charles S. Carver was one of the truly bright minds in psychological science who paved new ways for a better understanding of human nature and greatly contributed to the development of new theories regarding adaptation to aversive conditions. He will be remembered not only by his family and friends, his numerous students and collaborators, but also by all those who try to decipher human behaviour.

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