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With the passing of John Lewis Holland, counseling psychologists have lost a link to the very origins of our field. John was Darley's last student, and Darley was student of Paterson—a founder of applied psychology and a progenitor of the individual differences paradigm.

John spent his first six years in the field as a practitioner, with three years at Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio as Director of counseling and three years at the Veterans Administration in Perry Point, Maryland.

His first publication appeared in 1953, on the topic of using Kuder's inventory to categorize interest groups. John continued to study this topic for the next fifty years. His work led to him receiving two of the American Psychological Association's highest awards, one for Distinguished Scientific Contributions to Knowledge (1994) and one for Distinguished Scientific Applications of Psychology (2008).

Among John's most important contributions, three stand out as landmarks in the history of applied psychology.

First, his model of personality types has proved exceptionally heuristic and useful. He combined Guilford's factor analysis of interest inventories, Spranger's values types, and Adler's idea of life-style to create his RIASEC types.

Second, he used this RIASEC taxonomy to describe occupations, thereby integrating two previously separate research streams – the study of occupations and the study of personality.

And third, in his 1970 presidential address to Division 17, he unveiled the Self-Directed Search, a counselor-free career intervention that remains to this day an exemplar of the scientist-practitioner model.

For his contributions to career theory and to counseling practice, John became our most highly-decorated counseling psychologist and one of the most highly-cited applied psychologists in the 20th century.

For his generativity and mentoring, he will remain in hearts far into the 21st century.

Fama semper vivat.

May we remember him always.