



Dr. Byron P. Rourke

CPA Gold Medal for Distinguished Lifetime Contributions to Canadian Psychology 2007

Dr. Byron Rourke is a Professor at the University of Windsor and a Clinical Professor at Yale University's School of Medicine.

Dr. Rourke's important clinical research has spanned more than three decades and includes a voluminous publication record and a prodigious clinical research programme that has been the catalyst for international debate and study of many essential issues in neuropsychology, neuroscience and social science. Dr. Rourke can rightly be called one of the founding fathers of clinical neuropsychology and of child neuropsychology in Canada. He was also nearly single-handedly responsible for the creation of clinical neuropsychology of learning disabilities and its recognition as a neuropsychological speciality area.

Dr. Rourke founded the first, and for decades the only, clinical neuropsychology programme in Canada. The numerous graduates from this programme fill important and influential positions at academic and health institutes across North America and are excellent clinicians. His important research and theoretical contributions along with his advocacy for patients with neurological and learning disorders have made a significant difference in the lives of many people in Canada and around the world.