Information & Registration

The conference is limited to 150 persons. It will include plenary and poster sessions, as well as the chance for participants to select from a number of small group networking sessions related to teaching, research or practice and practice workshops. Registration fees include a welcome reception, continental breakfast and lunch each day, and refreshment breaks throughout the conference. Fees are $95 for Professionals and $55 for Students.

Registration information and materials are available at www.uakron.edu/psychology/svp. The registration deadline is **May 1, 2007**. Send all materials and payment to: SVP 8th Biennial Conference, c/o Linda Subich, Department of Psychology, University of Akron, Akron, OH  44325-4301.

A call for poster submissions is on the conference website, with submissions due **February 15, 2007**. Questions about the conference, poster submissions or registration may be directed to:

svp@uakron.edu.
Self in Career Theory and Practice

Conference Purpose

Twentieth-century vocational psychology emphasized objective self-knowledge as a principal means to match workers to jobs. The needs of a 21st century global workforce have prompted innovating subjective self-construction as a way to also foster meaning in work and other life domains. The conference examines the viability, vitality, and validity of self constructs in career theory, career counseling, and in specific career interventions. Considering self from traditional and alternative perspectives with sensitivity to individual differences will update and advance career theory and counseling practice.

Context

This conference marks the eighth in the “Advances in Vocational Psychology” conference series founded by the Society for Vocational Psychology (SVP). A Section in the Counseling Psychology Division (17) of the American Psychological Association. The first conference occurred in 1992 at Michigan State University. Subsequent conferences have convened biennially, most recently in 2005 at The University of British Columbia. This conference series aims to advance the specialties of vocational psychology and career counseling by providing scientist-practitioners with forums to discuss mutual interests so as to produce scholarly works and develop innovative counseling practices.

Tentative Program

Wednesday, May 30, 2007
Welcome reception at the Archives of the History of American Psychology

Thursday May 31, 2007
Prologue: Considering Self in Career Theory & Practice
A History of Self in Psychology
Self as a Core Construct in Vocational Psychology

Theoretical Models
Self-Knowledge and Person-Environment Fit
Self-Concept and Identity Development
Self Efficacy, Self-Esteem, and Self-Confidence
Self-Construction

LUNCH and POSTER SESSION
Self and Work: A Gender Perspective

Counseling Methods
Expanding Self-Knowledge
Implementing Self-Concept
Increasing Self-Efficacy
Constructing Self

Networking Sessions

Friday June 1, 2007
Cultural Context of Self and Work:

Concurrent Workshops: Best Practices in Career Intervention

• Person-Matching: Linking Self to Possible Selves
• Fostering Identity Development
• Promoting Career Decision-Making Self-Efficacy
• Self-Direction in Protean & Boundaryless Careers
• Self and Work in Later Life

LUNCH and POSTER SESSION

Concurrent Workshops: Best Practices in Career Intervention

• Interest Assessment to Expand Self-Knowledge
• Adapting Self to Career Transition and Change
• Dealing with Self-Cognitions
• Achieving Self-Completion Through Work
• Sexual Identity in the Workplace

Self and the Psychology of Working

Conference Arrangements

The conference will be held at The University of Akron in Akron, Ohio. Lodging has been arranged on campus and at two nearby hotels. Prices range from $28/night (single room with a shared bath) to $72-$89/night (single or double room in a business-class hotel); see the conference website for details. Akron is easily accessible by car or air (via Cleveland or Akron-Canton airport).