

A Biography of **Edwin R. Henry**

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Edwin Ruthvan Henry was born in 1905 in Kansas. He earned his B.S. at Kansas State Teachers College and his Master's and Doctorate at Ohio State University. During World War II, Henry served as a personnel technician for the U.S. Army. He was later promoted to chief of personnel research, followed by being named chief psychologist for the U.S. Army. The War Department awarded him the Exceptionally Meritorious Civilian Service Medal for research and development. Henry also spent several years as the director of selection for the U.S. Peace Corp. Additionally, he helped several Western European nations develop selection procedures for similar organizations of their own.

Along with some colleagues, Henry was part of a consulting firm in New Jersey called Richardson, Bellows, Henry, and Company, Inc., and he worked as the manager of the Social Science Research Division of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey.

Both a practitioner and an academic, Henry served on the faculties of New York University, Ohio State University, the University of New Mexico, and the University of Rochester. He was at separate times chairman of both the Psychology department and the College of Engineering at New York University. He was still serving as Professor Emeritus at the University of Rochester School of Management at the time of his death.

Henry was primarily interested in personnel management and testing. Some of his publications include the *Handbook of Applied Psychology*, which he co-edited in 1950 with Douglas H. Fryer, *An Outline of General Psychology*, which he also published with Fryer, and *Biographical Data in Industrial Psychology: A Review and Evaluation*, which he wrote with William A. Owens.

Extensively involved with SIOP, Henry served as its 12th president in 1956-57. He also conducted SIOP's first workshop with Steven Habbe in 1953. He later served as the President of APA Division 13, the Society of Consulting Psychology.

Much of Henry's original written work, conference materials, and research have been preserved (Edwin R. Henry Papers, n.d.). Henry and his wife Olga had two sons. Edwin R. Henry passed away in Rochester, New York, on December 7, 1971, at the age of 66.

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