

Innovation in Geropsychology and Long-Term Care Settings: Honoring Dr. Victor Molinari's Legacy

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- APA Division 20

Background

- Victor Molinari made monumental contributions to the field of Geropsychology
- He was also widely acknowledged as a kind and generous colleague, mentor, and friend
- His death in November 2024 is both a great loss, and a time to reflect on his many accomplishments and lessons for us all

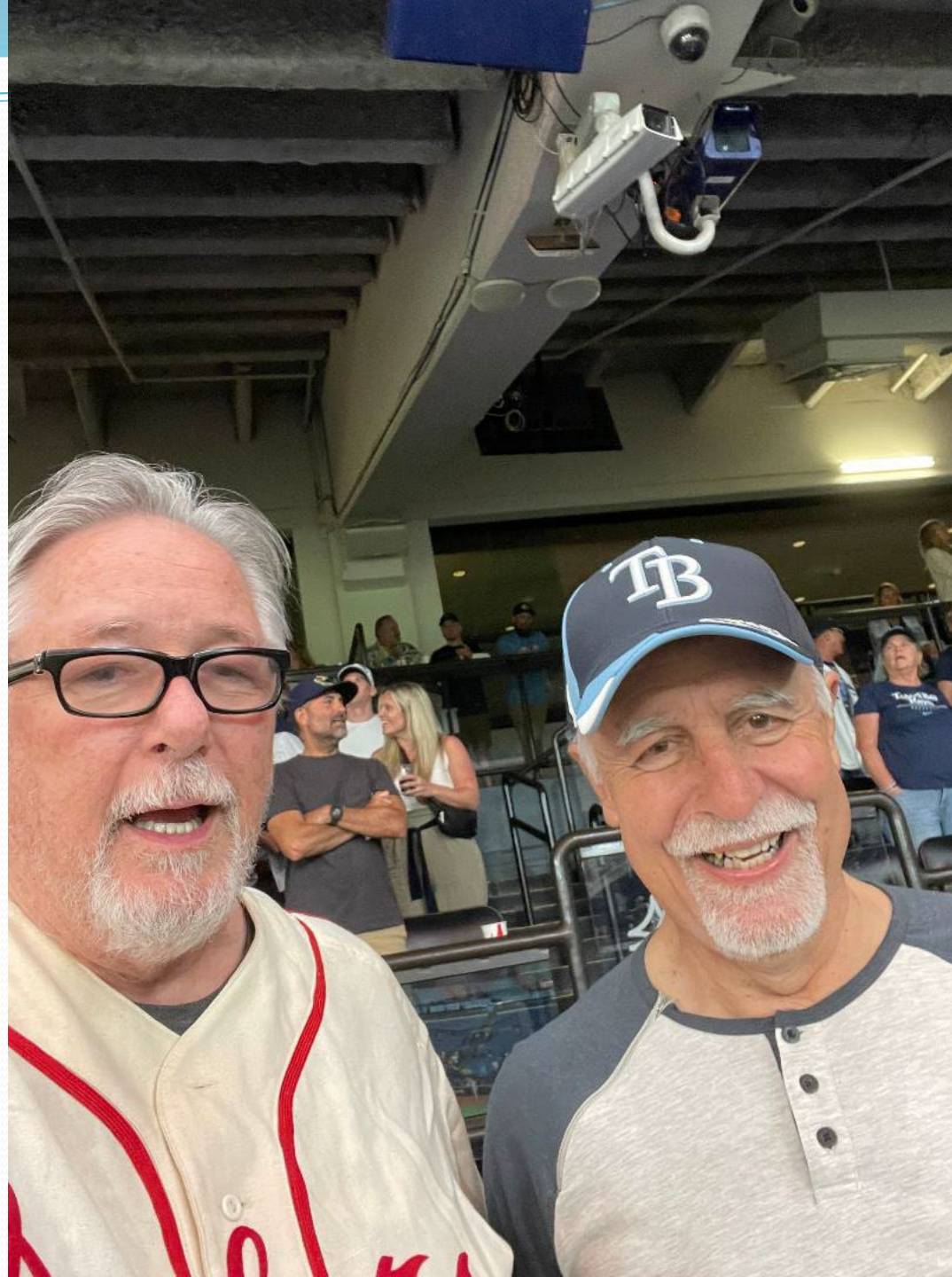
Presenters

- William E. Haley, “Victor Molinari: Clinician, Scholar, Mentor, Teacher, and Leader”
- Debra Dobbs, “Victor Molinari’s Advancements in the Field of Long-Term Care and Nursing Home Quality”
- Lisa Lind, “Dr. Molinari’s Significant Impact on Geropsychologists and Service Provision in LTC Settings”
- Latrice Vinson, “How Did We Get Here? Tracing Victor Molinari’s Legacy in the Growth of the Field of Geropsychology”
- Up to 10 minutes each
- Cindy Mason, Victor’s wife
- Plentiful time for comments from the attendees

Personal Reflections

- I knew Victor for decades
- He was always positive and supportive
- I never saw him overwhelmed, stressed, or angry
- A remarkable journal reviewer
- Columbus Day parties
- Adventurous and loved to explore
- Loved baseball and hot dogs
- An amazing collaborator
- A very happily married man





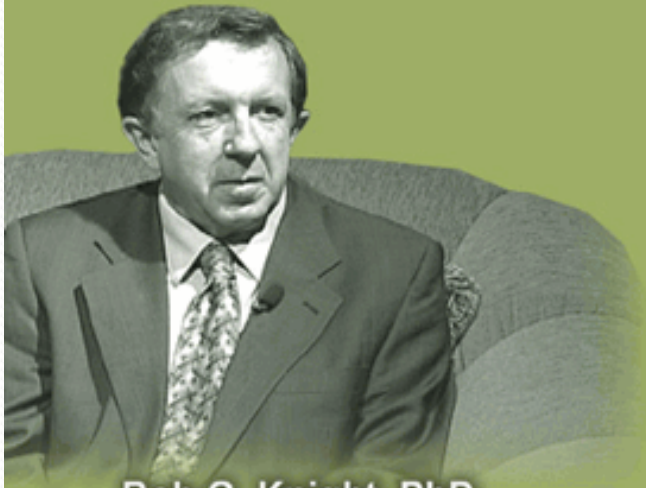
September 22, 2024—The last home game of the 2024 Rays home season—and unless it is rebuilt, the last game to be played at Tropicana Field.



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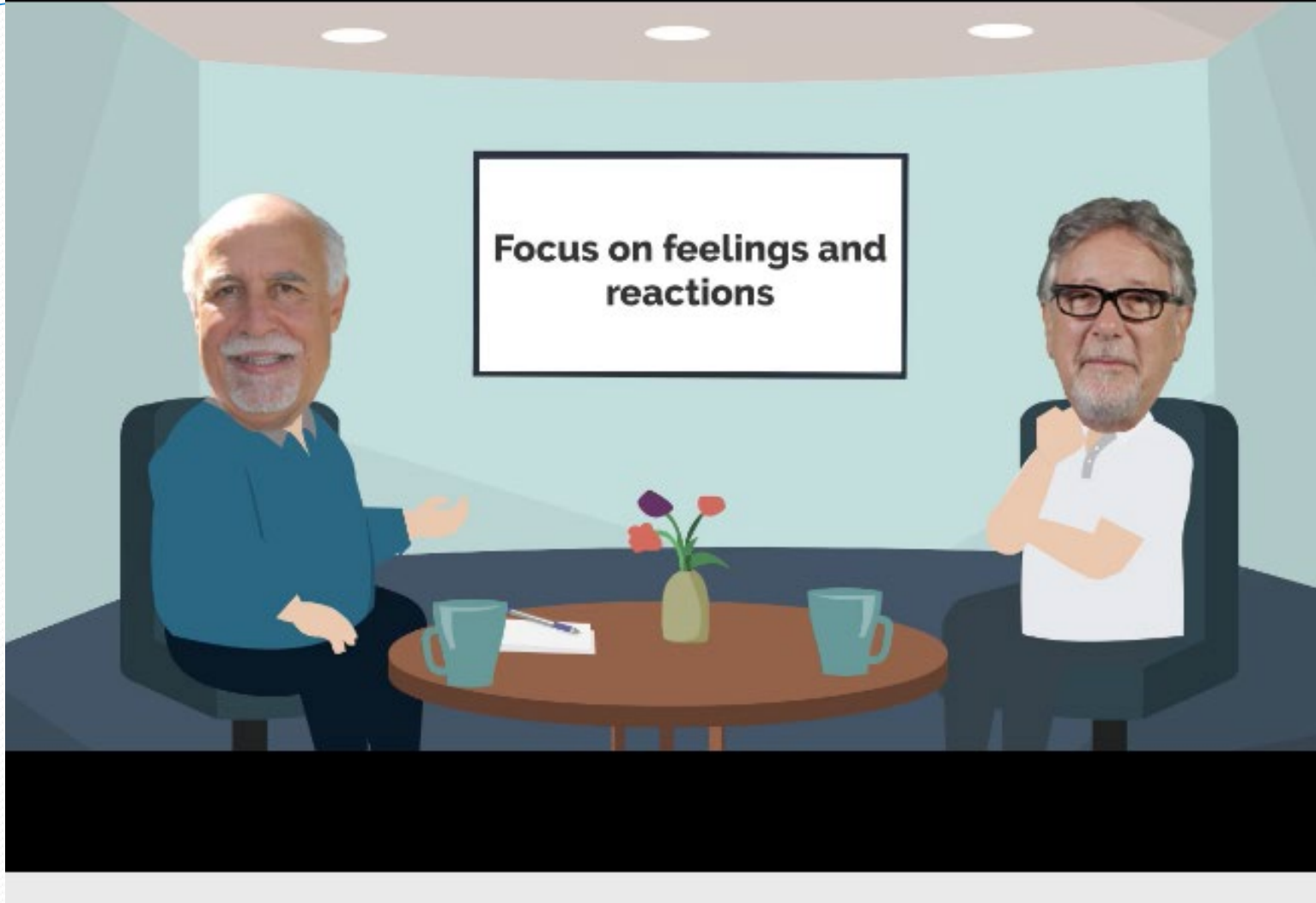
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Dolores Gallagher-Thompson, PhD, ABPP
*Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy for
Late-Life Depression*



We collaborated in developing an online graduate course in Gerontological Counseling, which included assignments for students to watch a number of APA psychotherapy videos.



Students watched 15 minute clips at a time of the counseling sessions, and then heard commentary from Victor and me on these segments. Victor was a masterful clinician and clinical instructor.

Timeline

- 1979 PhD, Memphis State University (University of Memphis)
- 1979-1981 Texas Research Institute of Mental Sciences Gerontology Center
- 1981-1985 Mid-City Mental Health and Retardation Center/TRIMS
- 1985-2002 Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Houston, Texas
- 2002-2023 Professor University of South Florida, Aging & Mental Health, School of Aging Studies

Psychology and Geropsychology Awards

- ABPP Clinical Psychology (2001), Geropsychology (2014)
- APA Division 20 John Santos Distinguished Program Development in Clinical Gerontology Award
- APA Committee on Aging CONA Award for the Advancement of Psychology and Aging
- Psychologists in Long Term Care Award for Outstanding contributions to Psychology in Long Term Care
- Society for Clinical Geropsychology M. Powell Lawton Award for Distinguished Contributions to Clinical Geropsychology

Teaching and Mentorship

- Chaired or co-chaired 12 dissertation committees
- Member of 24 dissertation committees
- Routinely received stellar student evaluations of his courses in Gerontological Counseling, Case Management, and others
- Sue V. Saxon Outstanding Teaching Award in the Field of Gerontology
- APA Division 20 Mentoring Award

Research—Widely Cited Papers

- 2000-Functional impairment in COPD patients: The impact of anxiety and depression (Psychosomatics)
- 2001—One session cognitive behavioral therapy for elderly patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (Psychological Medicine)
- 1998—What practitioners should know about working with older adults (Professional Psychology: Research and Practice)
- 1985—Life review reminiscence in the elderly: A review of the literature (International Journal of Human Development)

Final Comments

- “Victor Molinari: Clinician, Scholar, Mentor, Teacher, and Leader”
- And friend...