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The Role of History of Psychology in the Clinical Psychology Curriculum

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The role and effect of the history of psychology in the clinical psychology curriculum was investigated. A historical overview can provide a wider perspective and instill humility. A study of the history can point out new developments, and avoid past mistakes. It even motivated freshmen to further their studies in the field. Some typical statements of students were presented.

Original Papers

The Kawasaki Journal of Medical Welfare Homepage Project

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This paper will explain the project to develop an English language homepage for the Kawasaki Journal of Medical Welfare. The paper is divided into three main sections. The first section delves into the need for better communication amongst scholars and researchers in the wide ranging fields of study covered by the journal. The second section explains how the homepage was made and the third section explains how to use the homepage. The paper concludes with a statement emphasizing the continuing nature of the project.

Ethical Norms and Human Existential Foundations

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Ethical norms work in the communal phenomena of human activities. 'Communal' means a gathering of people acting in concert, in which there are certain common rules working consciously or unconsciously among people related to each other in some way. The simple rule, for example, is that even when we walk on the street, we avoid intentionally crashing into other pedestrians so that abusive collisions don't occur. This rule is trivial and yet invaluable.

From the viewpoint of human existential foundations, the concept of such a simple rule has much import. Such rules in human gatherings amount to the appreciable and ulterior ethical rules which bring order to the world in which we live. They are called ethical norms.

Human existential foundations, which are *a priori* to human existence, explain the order of human life and human common sense which provides the universal norms of human conduct and ethical judgement in our everyday life.