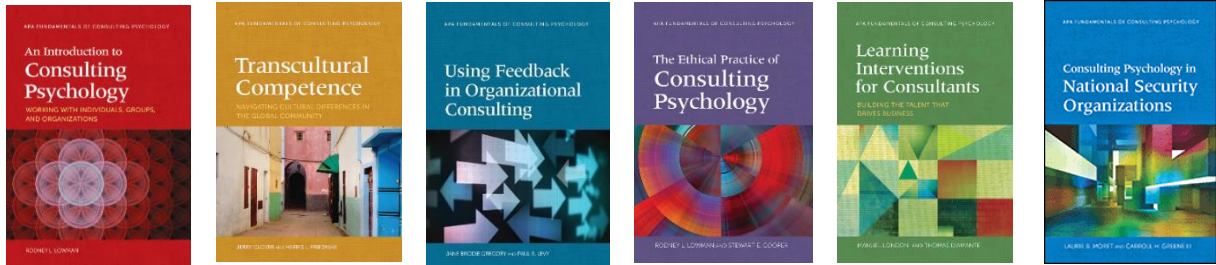## Call for Proposals, *Fundamentals of Consulting Psychology* Book Series

Book Series: *Fundamentals of Consulting Psychology*

Publisher: American Psychological Association (APA) Books

Goals for the Series

Consulting Psychology (CP) has emerged as a discipline of psychology in its own right complete with its own guidelines for graduate training, its own doctoral and master's programs, a handbook (*Handbook of Organizational Consulting Psychology*) and a well-regarded professional journal (*Consulting Psychology Journal: Practice and Research*). The goal of Consulting Psychology is clear: to apply psychological assessment and intervention skills at the individual, group and organizational levels to help clients be more effective and humane.

The field of Consulting Psychology (CP) now has the need and opportunity to make its content available not just to other consulting psychologists but also to an array of professionals who can make use of consulting psychology knowledge in their personal and professional lives. To that end this book series will present a series of short (150 – 160 print pages) monographs intended to address the needs of both students in training from many areas of psychology and related disciplines, psychologists, OD practitioners and professionals for short introductory monographs on single issues in consulting psychology.

Each book in this series, *Fundamentals of Consulting Psychology*, will be about 160 double spaced manuscript pages including all references, tables and figures front matter and back matter) and will have as its focal point a single competency or set of competencies fundamental to consulting psychology, a focus on consulting in a particular type of organization, or an approach to consulting such as process or behavioral approaches.

An initial volume in the series was *An Introduction to Consulting Psychology: Working with Individuals, Groups and Organizations* by Rodney L. Lowman. This book provided an overview of CP, the concept of levels (individual, group and organizational) and the two major types of psychological activities at each level (assessment and intervention).

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Already published volumes include *Using Feedback in Organizational Consulting* by Gregory and Levy and *Transcultural Competence: Navigating Cultural Differences in the Global Community* by Glover and Freidman. Forthcoming volumes will address ethical issues in consulting psychology and consulting in national security settings.

Proposals are being accepted at this time for many different topics related to consulting psychology at the individual, group, and organizational levels. Here are some examples of topics for which proposals would be welcomed. Many others are also possible.

- Assessment Issues in Consulting

- Impactful Executive Coaching: Individual, Group, and Organizational Perspectives

- Consulting to Groups and Teams

- Organization-Wide Consulting

- Establishing Relationships with Consulting Psychology Clients

- Learning to Speak the Language of Business

- Power and Politics in Organizational Consulting

- Consulting to Specific Types of Organizations (e.g., for-profit, not-for-profit, professional associations, schools, universities)

- Consulting in Particular Geographic of Socio-Political Areas (e.g., in Africa, Latin America, Europe, Asia)

Other topics are also welcomed. If you'd like to discuss a particular idea for a book in the seires, please contact the series editor (cpfundamentals@gmail.com) for more information.

Outline for Book Proposals:

Authors interested in submitting a proposal for one of the initial books in this new series should do so with a proposal not to exceed 10 - 15 double-spaced pages to include:

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1. Proposed title of the volume (titles are "working titles" until the manuscript
   review process is complete

2. Names and institutional affiliations of the volume's author(s)

3. One paragraph abstract of the intended content of the book

4. Identification and discussion of the gap that the book will fill

5. Intended audience for the book and evidence for the book's marketability (including how the
book will differ from competing titles already available; be specific)

6. Author(s)' background and experience relevant to the proposed volume

7. How your proposed book would address each of the following areas?
>   a. Introduction – Why the topic matters for CP and qualifies as a "fundamental"
>   competency or area for consulting psychologists to learn
>   b. Overview of the theory and empirical research related to the topic
>   c. Illustration of the theory and research with applied cases
>   d. Evaluation
>   > d1. Include some citations of research and scholarship providing evidence and
>   > support of the topics in your book (a comprehensive literature review is not
>   > required for the proposal)
>   > d2. Specific problems and client populations where approach may (or may not) be
>   > effective, e.g., modifications needed when working with persons of different
>   > race/ethnicity, sex, age
>   > d3. How does it work with diverse clients or diversity within organizations?
>   e. Suggestions for future developments

8. Chapter-by-chapter summary – include a <u>one paragraph summary</u> of each chapter including a
title and the highlights of what the chapter would cover (Be sure the chapters flow well from one
to another and that collective they tell a cohesive story in a logical way.)

9. One paragraph closing summary making the case for publishing the book

10. References (using APA style) for citations (and be sure to include relevant ones, preferably
recent.

Please include **a current CV** with your proposal and a brief cover letter or e-mail.

General Writing Guidelines

- Anchor your writing in evidence but be judicious in what you cite. Include relevant references to assure that the book is evidence-based but not so many as to become a distraction

- Write for the long-term: if these are "fundamental competencies" make clear why they are and why they matter. Be sure that the writing is clear and concise and that the book flows smoothly from one point to another and from one chapter to the next.

- Writing is hard work but one of the most important parts of it is editing. For most writers multiple edits are needed to be sure that what was intended to be said has been communicated clearly and concisely.

- Write for the practitioner and graduate student; discuss the essentials but help the reader understand the complexity of applying the principles in practice.

- Keep it interesting. Include practical "real life" examples and, as appropriate, case studies.

- Use APA style (current edition) throughout.

For more information: Please contact the series editor, **Rodney L. Lowman, PhD** at cpfundamentals@gmail.com.