

Stu Conger Award in Career Counselling and Career Development, 2010

Recipient: Charles Bujold

Biography

When any of us considers seeing a career counsellor in a time of transition, we “hope” to find an individual who is not only highly qualified, superbly grounded in theory and practice and able to draw on the wisdom of much life experience, but an individual who is an exceptionally well developed person – someone who exudes warmth, humour, and personal integrity and who is authentic outside in and inside out.

Dr. Bujold is an outstanding Canadian academic in career development and career counselling. There is not a single francophone graduate in career counselling in Canada or abroad whose knowledge has not been shaped by “Choix professionnel et développement de carrière”, long considered the “Bible” in career theory and recognized as such by both the Canadian Counselling and Psychotherapy Association and L’Ordre professionnelle des conseillers and conseillières d’orientation du Québec.

Now a Professor Emeritus at Université Laval, Dr. Bujold’s contributions to the field span more than 40 years and have focused virtually exclusively on aspects of career development including school to work transition, identity, and work values. His research record is exemplary and innovative. He is recognized as having been at the forefront of introducing qualitative research methods into career development. As part of a 1999 Doctoral Study conducted at the University of Alberta investigating Canadian roots and leadership in career development, Dr. Bujold was identified as one of the visionaries who shaped professional career counsellor training in Canada.

He is one of the founders of CRIEVAT, le Centre de recherche et d’intervention sur l’éducation et la vie au travail at Université Laval, a unique Canadian centre of excellence in career development research which has developed over the years a strong international reputation.

CRIEVAT is somewhat typical of Dr. Bujold’s contributions, which have been consistently focused on making a bigger difference, pushing the limits of knowledge, engaging with students, colleagues and the community, assuming leadership roles, and pursuing excellence. While he has been officially retired from Université Laval since the mid 90’s, it is said that the halls in the Education building are still filled with his laughter and that it is probably no coincidence that his roots go back to the Baie des Chaleurs, roughly translated as the Bay of Warmth.