

Robert C. Chope:

Dr. Robert C. Chope is a Professor and former Chair of the Department of Counseling at San Francisco State University where he founded the Career Counseling Program. He is also the founder of the Career and Personal Development Institute in San Francisco, a practice that he has had for over 29 years. His is one of the oldest professional career development practices in the United States and is the source of much of the data that Dr. Chope has featured in his consultation and scholarship. Dr. Chope has been licensed in California as a Marriage and Family Therapist since 1971 and a Psychologist since 1977 and has been listed in the National Registry of Health care Providers in Psychology since 1980. He is the president (2008-2009) of the National Employment Counseling Association.

Education: Dr. Chope received his B.A. degree in Biology from Harvard College. He has an M.A. from San Francisco State University and his Ph.D. was taken in the Department of Psychology at the University of Minnesota. He wrote his dissertation under Dr. David P. Campbell of the Strong-Campbell Interest Inventory and Campbell Interest and Skills Survey fame.

Professional Writing: Professor Chope has written three books, 65 refereed articles or chapters and made over 125 professional presentations. He also wrote one monograph that was coauthored with the eminent rehabilitation counseling professors George Wright and Kenneth Reagles in 1975, prepared while he was an assistant professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He is the author of *Dancing Naked: Breaking through the emotional limits that keep you from the job you want* and *Shared Confinement: Healing options for you and the agoraphobic in your life*, both published by New Harbinger Publications and *Family matters: The influence of the family in career decision making* by Pro-Ed. He has been heard on over 100 radio and television shows around the country. He was the subject of interviews on eWeek, the Wall Street Journal, the New York Times, the Family Journal, and Cosmopolitan Magazine. In the San Francisco Bay Area he has been on NPR, KQED Forum, KUSF Forum, KGO Newstalk radio, KCBS Sunday Morning radio stations and KPIX, KRON, KTVU, and UPN 44 television stations along with several smaller cable telecasts.

Professional Acknowledgements: Dr. Chope has received many awards that recognize his contributions to scholarship and professional practice and the impact of his practice and writings upon people throughout the country. Nationally, he was presented with the 2004 Practitioner of the Year Award by the National Career Development Association (NCDA). In July, 2007 he was also presented with the NCDA Merit Award in recognition of his "significant contributions to the career development field." He was elected a Fellow of the NCDA in 2004 for his lifetime of professional work. In 2005 he was distinguished as one of the 135 notable graduates of the College of Liberal Arts at the University of Minnesota on the occasion of the 135th anniversary of the College. In March, 2008 Dr. Chope was honored as a fellow of the American Counseling Association.

In California Dr. Chope was presented with the Judith Grutter Career Development Practitioner of the Year Award by the California Career Development Association (CCDA) in 2005 for his "outstanding contributions" and was also given the Robert Swan Lifetime Achievement in Career Development Award in 2002. This award recognized his "outstanding contributions to the practice of career development in California." He was further presented with the California Association for Counseling and Development Morgan Vail Award for his "contributions to the counseling and development profession in California" in 2005. And in February, 2007 he was presented with the James Saum Government Relations Award by the California Counseling Association in appreciation for his "outstanding public policy, legislative, and licensure advocacy to the California counseling profession." In June 2008, Dr. Chope was initiated into the H.B. McDaniel Hall of Fame at Stanford University for his "exemplary contributions to the field of counseling and guidance.

In April, 2007 Dr. Chope's life work on the influence of families in career decision making was the subject of an article in the Family Journal, the organ of the International Association of Marriage and Family Therapists (IAMFT). It was titled "Family of origin and career counseling: An interview with Robert Chope." The article focused upon Dr. Chope's many scholarly contributions regarding the integration of personal and family issues in the career development process.

Dr. Chope has been in the private practice of psychology since 1979 focusing upon anxiety disorders, phobias, learning disabilities assessment, executive selection, and career counseling.