

Insight on Coaching – Guest Bio

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Introduction

Michael Arthur is a Professor of Management at Suffolk University in Boston, MA. Professor Arthur is an originator and principal advocate of the notion of “boundary-less careers.” In 2007, Michael received the Academy of Management’s Everett Hughes Award for lifetime achievement in the field of Career Studies.

Experience

Michael and Denise Rousseau of Carnegie Mellon University edited the book “The Boundaryless Career” published by Oxford University Press in 1996. These are careers conceived for the contemporary knowledge economy, where career opportunities go beyond what we used to see as boundaries shaped by a person’s employment situation and occupational training. The book made the short list for the Academy of Management’s annual best book award.

Since then he has edited two further books for the same publisher, and co-authored two books directed at the executive reader: “The New Careers” (1999) and “Knowledge at Work” (2006). He has also written a series of articles also aimed at practicing executives.

Michael is also a developer of the “intelligent career card sort[®]” (ICCS[®]), a career exploration exercise built by an international consortium of management school professors. The ICCS is designed to help people make sense of their careers, and to develop plans for the future, in the contemporary knowledge economy. He also trains other people in the utilization of the ICCS exercise.

Education

Michael holds both MBA and PhD degrees from Crainfield University in the UK. He has lived and worked in the US since 1979.

Professional Affiliations, Publications and Recognition

Michael's principal affiliation is with the Academy of Management. Michael received the Everett Hughes Award from the Academy of Management, Careers Division, its highest award for research over a lifetime in the careers area, in particular for the adoption of an interdisciplinary perspective. He was honored at the annual meeting of the Academy of Management held in Atlanta, Ga., in August, 2007.

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