

Dr. Paul Wong's 75th Birthday Celebration Speech

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A few words about my relationship with Paul Wong. Paul sought me out years ago on the basis of the similarities of our approaches in psychology. It was the beginning of the INPM organization, and I immediately found myself getting involved in it and very quickly he and I became immediate friends because we had so much in common. Paul has been pushing conceptually and in research, tragic optimism. He was doing this in a time when this particular approach called existential psychology was not very popular in psychology, in fact, quite the contrary. Now, I've been involved in that too, but he has been a big influence on me. Things have been changing and changing in large measure because of Paul's emphasis both in his own work and his founding of this organization. Let's hope this organization never stops. Let's hope that though this is Paul's 75th birthday he never stops either.