

## Bernard Weiner

I had the opportunity, and the pleasure as well, of hosting Paul as a post-doctoral student at UCLA. Although that was almost a half-century ago, around 1978, I vividly recall his presence along with his accomplished wife, Lilian. I label him as my “E” student, but not in terms of grade but rather regarding his personal characteristics. First, there was his Enthusiasm. I always knew when Paul was in his office because there would be a loud and Excitable conversation (discussion, argument) with another student regarding a research issue. Second, he devoted a great amount of time to his work. That is his Effortful side. Finally, the effort was well spent in his wide-ranging search regarding the topic at hand, a reflection of his Erudition. All these qualities, which lasted his entire life, made him an ideal post-doctoral scholar. He immediately became involved (enthusiastic, excitable, energetic, and erudite) in our research program, which centered on attribution theory. He focused on the antecedents of attributional search, that is, when do people search for causal understanding. This resulted, among many contributions, in a Wong and Weiner (1981) publication, entitled “When people ask “why” questions and the heuristics of attributional search” that now has nearly 2,000 citations. The order of authors in this publication is an accurate representation of deserved credit!

I do not believe that Paul will ever really retire. He now sees further than I do, so perhaps it is time for him to accept me as his post-doctoral student. Thanks, Paul, for all your contributions to attribution theory and to the larger field of psychology.