



*“You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose. You're on your own. And you know what you know. And YOU are the one who'll decide where to go...”*

— Dr. Seuss, *Oh, the Places You'll Go!*

youth, young adults, employers, employees, career development theory, and career within today's context. Rob believed career development had no boundaries, geographical or otherwise, and would be ecstatic to see the global reach of this “humble” journal.

I am forever grateful to my dear mentor, colleague, cheerleader, and most importantly – friend for the support and encouragement provided over the past 26 years. He encouraged me and many others to pursue hard things, believe in what you do, and have a few laughs and adventures along the way. Rob will be deeply missed by the career communities locally, nationally, and internationally, especially by those who were fortunate to consider him a dear friend. We can continue his legacy by carrying the bright torch he lit in the career field, disseminating cutting edge research, mentoring and supporting graduate students, influencing the work of career practitioners and ultimately making a difference in the lives of those who directly benefit from career supports.

As we continue to navigate the CJCD without its founder, I am confident that the future is very bright. With continued support from CERIC, Memorial University, the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, our incredible Associate Editor Diana Boyd, and so many others, there are many hands to carry the torch for years to come. I hope he is smiling down and thrilled we have stepped up to ensure the CJCD will continue to flourish. Newton once said, *“If I have seen further, it is by standing on the shoulders of giants.”* Rob was a giant for me personally, and for the field of Career Development. Thank you, Rob, for helping us all see further.

Until we meet again my friend.

I write my first editorial for the Canadian Journal of Career Development (CJCD) with a heaviest of hearts. In May 2024, the field of career development lost one of its greatest champions, Dr. Robert (Rob) Shea. There are no shoes or heart big enough to fill the void he leaves in the lives of his loving family, and all those who were fortunate to know and learn from him. In 1998, as a graduate student interested in pursuing a career in Career Development, Rob agreed to be my co-supervisor for my internship at Memorial University's Career Centre. Little did I know then the impact that introduction would have on both my career and life.

One of the first things he told me about when we met all those years ago was his vision for Canada's first and only journal focused on Career Development. He was in the process of developing the original artwork for the cover, talking to different groups about funding, and getting people generally excited about what this could be. It is fitting that in his last editorial in the January 2024, Rob reflected on the Journal's humble beginnings and stated, “... we began the journal as a field of dreams concept – ‘Build it and they will come’” and like so many of Rob's dreams, - they came true. You did come, and currently there are almost 16,000 subscribers worldwide and new subscribers steadily.

This current issue is the largest published to date. It includes incredible articles from across Canada and well beyond. Inside you will also find contributions from Africa, the Middle East and Asia, covering a smorgasbord of career-related topics focused on

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