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Born: June 1, 1942 London, England

Citizenship: USA/UK

Education

Merton Park Primary School, England 1947-1952

King's College School, Wimbledon, England 1952-1961

Cambridge University (St. John's College), England 1961-1964

United Steels Scholar

Hoare Exhibition, 1962

Wright Prize, 1962, 1963

Strathcona Travel Exhibition, 1963

BA 1964 Part One Mathematics with Physics

Part Two Psychology

MA 1968

PhD 1991 Social & Political Science

Brandeis University, USA 1964-1967

Charles Revson Science Fellow

MA 1966 Psychology

PhD 1968 Psychology

Employment

Assistant Professor of Psychology, Wellesley College, MA, 1967-1969

Director of Research & Evaluation, Suicide Prevention & Crisis Service, Buffalo, NY, 1969-1971

Associate Professor of Psychology, Stockton University, Galloway, NJ, 1971-1975

Professor of Psychology, Stockton University, Galloway, NJ, 1975-2008

Distinguished Professor of Psychology, Stockton University, NJ, 2008-2015

Emeritus Professor, Stockton University, Galloway, NJ, 2015-present

Administration

Director of Research & Evaluation, Suicide Prevention & Crisis Service, Buffalo, New York, 1969-1971.

Coordinator & Founder, Psychology Program, Stockton University, 1971-1974, 1985-1987, 2005-2007

Coordinator, Criminal Justice Program, Stockton University, 1977-1978

Executive Director, Center for the Study of Suicide, Blackwood, NJ, 1993-

Grants

Principal Investigator, NIMH Grant MH14404-01, 1967-1968

Stockton University, in-house grants, 1976, 1977, 1979, 1980, 1982, 1984, 1986, 1991, 1993, 1994, 1995

Radcliffe College, Research Support Program, 1993

Professional Associations

American Association of Suicidology	Proceedings Editor 1988-1995 Dublin Award, 1997
International Academy of Suicide Research	Co-founder 1990
International Association for Suicide Prevention	President 1991-1995

Journals

Crisis Intervention	Founder & Editor, 1969-1971
Illness, Crises & Loss	Editorial Board, 1991-1993
Chinese Journal of Mental Health	International Advisor, 1993-1996
Giornale Italiano di Suicidologia	International Advisor, 1991-1998
Suicide & Life-Threatening Behavior	Editorial Board, 1982-2010
Archives of Suicide Research	Editorial Board, 1995-2015
Omega	Editorial Board, 1973-2015
Crisis	Editorial Board, 1993-2-15
Death Studies	Editorial Board, 1994-2015

Honors

Medal of Honor, University of Padua, Italy, 1990
Certificate of Appreciation, American Association of Suicidology, 1992
Outstanding Achievement Award, Asociación Mexicana de Tanatología, 1994
Dublin Award, American Association of Suicidology, 1997
Distinguished Paper Award, 2nd Istanbul Conference on Democracy and Global Security, 2007.

Books

- 1 Lester D. (Ed.) *Explorations in exploration*. Van Nostrand, 1969.
- 2 Lester G, Lester D. *Suicide*. Prentice-Hall, 1971.
- 3 Lester D. *Why people kill themselves*. Charles Thomas, 1972.
- 4 Lester D. *Comparative psychology*. Port Washington: Alfred, 1973.
- 5 Lester D, Brockopp G. (Eds.) *Crisis intervention and counseling by telephone*. Charles Thomas, 1973.
- 6 Lester D. *A physiological basis for personality traits*. Charles Thomas, 1974.
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- 8 Lester D. *Unusual sexual behavior*. Charles Thomas, 1975.
- 9 Lester D. *The use of alternative modes of communication in psychotherapy*. Charles Thomas, 1977.
- 10 Lester D. (Ed.) *Gambling today*. Charles Thomas, 1979.
- 11 Lester D, Sell B, Sell K. *Suicide*. Gale Research, 1980.
- 12 Lester D. *Psychotherapy for offenders*. Pilgrimage, 1981.
- 13 Lester D. (Ed.) *The elderly victim of crime*. Charles Thomas, 1981.
- 14 Murrell M, Lester D. *Introduction to juvenile delinquency*. Macmillan, 1981.

- 15 Lester D. *The psychological basis for handwriting analysis*. Nelson-Hall, 1981.
- 16 Lester D. *The structure of the mind*. University Press of America, 1982.
- 17 Lester D. *Why people kill themselves*. 2nd Edition. Charles Thomas, 1983.
- 18 Levitt A, & Lester D. *Insanity and incompetence*. Anderson, 1984.
- 19 Lester D. *Gun control*. Charles Thomas, 1984.
- 20 Lester D. *The murderer and his murder*. AMS, 1986.
- 21 Lester D. *The death penalty*. Charles Thomas, 1987.
- 22 Lester D. *Suicide as a learned behavior*. Charles Thomas, 1987.
- 23 Lester D, & Braswell M. *Correctional counseling*. Anderson, 1987.
- 24 Lester D. *The biochemical basis of suicide*. Charles Thomas, 1988.
- 25 Lester D. *Suicide from a psychological perspective*. Charles Thomas, 1988.
- 26 Lester D. (Ed.) *Suicide '88*. American Association of Suicidology, 1988.
- 27 Lester D. (Ed.) *Why women kill themselves*. Charles Thomas, 1988.
- 28 Lester D. *Can we prevent suicide?* AMS, 1989.
- 29 Lester D. *Questions and answers about suicide*. Charles, 1989.
- 30 Lester D. *Suicide from a sociological perspective*. Charles Thomas, 1989.
- 31 Clarke R, Lester D. *Suicide: Closing the exits*. Springer-Verlag, 1989.
- 32 Lester D. (Ed.) *Suicide '89*. American Association of Suicidology, 1989.
- 33 Lester D. (Ed.) *Current concepts of suicide*. Charles, 1990.
- 34 Lester D. *Understanding and preventing suicide*. Charles Thomas, 1990.
- 35 Lester D. (Ed.) *Suicide '90*. American Association of Suicidology, 1990.
- 36 Lester D. *Psychotherapy for suicidal clients*. Charles Thomas, 1991.
- 37 Lester D. *Questions and answers about murder*. Charles, 1991.
- 38 Lester D. (Ed.) *Suicide '91*. American Association of Suicidology, 1991.
- 39 Lester D, Braswell M, Van Voorhis P. *Correctional counseling*. 2nd Edition. Anderson, 1992.
- 40 Lester D. *Why people kill themselves*. 3rd Edition. Charles Thomas, 1992.
- 41 Lester D. (Ed.) *Suicide '92*. American Association of Suicidology, 1992.
- 42 Lester D, Danto B. *Suicide behind bars*. Charles, 1993.
- 43 Lester D. *The cruelest death: The enigma of adolescent suicide*. Charles, 1993.
- 44 Lester D. (Ed.) *Suicide '93*. American Association of Suicidology, 1993.
- 45 Lester D. *Suicide in creative women*. Nova Science, 1993.
- 46 Lester D. *Understanding suicide*. Nova Science, 1993.
- 47 Lester D, Tallmer M. (Eds.) *Now I lay me down: Suicide in the elderly*. Charles, 1994.
- 48 Lester D. *Patterns of suicide and homicide in America*. Nova Science, 1994.
- 49 Lester D. (Ed.) *Emile Durkheim: Le Suicide one hundred years later*. Charles, 1994.
- 50 Lester D. (Ed.) *Suicide '94*. American Association of Suicidology, 1994.
- 51 Canetto S, Lester D. (Eds.) *Women and suicidal behavior*. Springer, 1995.
- 52 Lester D. *Theories of personality*. Taylor & Francis, 1995.
- 53 Lester D. *Serial killers*. Charles, 1995.
- 54 Lester D. (Ed.) *Suicide '95*. American Association of Suicidology, 1995.
- 55 Leenaars A, Lester D. (Eds.) *Suicide and the unconscious*. Jason Aronson, 1996.
- 56 Lester D. *Patterns of suicide and homicide in the world*. Nova Science, 1996.
- 57 Lester D. *An encyclopedia of famous suicides*. Nova Science, 1996.
- 58 Van Voorhis P, Braswell M., Lester D *Correctional counseling and rehabilitation*. 3rd Edition. Anderson, 1997.
- 59 Lester D, Yang B. *The economy and suicide*. Nova Science, 1997.

- 60 Lester D. *Making sense of suicide*. Charles, 1997.
- 61 Lester D. *Suicide in American Indians*. Nova Science, 1997.
- 62 Lester D. *The death penalty*. 2nd edition. Charles Thomas, 1998.
- 63 Lester D. *Suicide in African Americans*. Nova Science, 1998.
- 64 Lester D, Yang B. *Suicide and homicide in the 20th Century*. Nova Science, 1998.
- 65 Lester D. *Crime and the Native American*. Charles Thomas, 1999.
- 66 Van Voorhis P, Braswell M, Lester D. *Correctional counseling and rehabilitation*. 4th Edition. Anderson, 2000.
- 67 Lester D. *By their own hand*. Aeneas, 2000.
- 68 Lester D. *Why people kill themselves*. 4th Edition. Charles Thomas, 2000.
- 69 Lester D. (Ed) *Suicide prevention*. Brunner-Routledge, 2001.
- 70 Lester D. *Crisis intervention and counseling by telephone*. 2nd Edition. Charles Thomas, 2002.
- 71 Lester D. *Fixin' to die*. Baywood, 2003.
- 72 Lester D (Ed) *Katie's Diary: Unlocking the mystery of a suicide*. Brunner-Routledge, 2004.
- 73 Lester D. *Mass murder*. Nova Science, 2004.
- 74 Lindsay M, Lester D. *Suicide by cop*. Baywood: 2004.
- 75 Van Voorhis P, Braswell M, Lester D. *Correctional counseling and rehabilitation*. 5th Edition. LexisNexis, 2004.
- 76 Lester, D. *Thinking about suicide*. Nova Science, 2004
- 77 Yufit R, Lester D. (Eds) *Assessment, treatment, and prevention of suicidal behavior*. Wiley, 2005.
- 78 Lester, D. *Is there life after death?* McFarland, 2005.
- 79 Lester, D. *Suicide and the Holocaust*. Nova Science, 2005.
- 80 Van Voorhis P, Braswell M, Lester D. *Correctional counseling and rehabilitation*. 6th Edition. LexisNexis, 2007.
- 81 Lester D. *Exit weeping*. Nova Science, 2008.
- 82 Tartaro, C, Lester, D. *Suicide and self-harm in prisons and jails*. Lexington Books, 2009.
- 83 Lester, D. *Preventing suicide: Closing the Exits revisited*. Nova Science, 2009.
- 84 Stack, S., Lester, D. (Eds.) *Suicide and the creative arts*. Nova Science, 2009.
- 85 Van Voorhis P, Braswell M, Lester D. *Correctional counseling and rehabilitation*. 7th Edition. LexisNexis, 2009.
- 86 Pompili, M., Iliceto, P., Lester, D., Innamorati, M., Girardi, P., & Tatarelli, R. Manuale: Beck Hopelessness Scale. Firenze, Italy: Giuntio.S, 2009.
- 87 Rogers JL, Lester D. *Understanding suicide: Why we don't and how we might*. Hogrefe, 2010.
- 88 Lester D. *A multiple self theory of personality*. Nova Science, 2010.
- 89 Pompili M., Girardi P, Lester D, Tatarelli R. *Antidepressant therapy and risk of suicide among patients with major depressive disorders*. Nova Biomedical, 2011.
- 90 Lamis D, Lester D. (Eds.) *Understanding and preventing college student suicide*. Thomas, 2011.
- 91 Shrivastava A, Kimbrell M, Lester, D. (Eds.) *Suicide from a global perspective: Psychosocial approaches*. Nova Science, 2012.
- 92 Shrivastava A, Kimbrell M, Lester D. (Eds.) *Suicide from a global perspective: Vulnerable populations and controversies*. Nova Science, 2012.
- 93 Shrivastava A, Kimbrell M, Lester D. (Eds.) *Suicide from a global perspective: Risk assessment and management*. Nova Science, 2012.
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- 98 Clarke RV, Lester D. *Suicide: Closing the exits*. Transaction, 2013.
- 99 Lester D, Gunn JF. (Eds.) *Suicide in professional and amateur athletes*. Thomas, 2013.
- 100 Lester D, Rogers JR. (Eds.) *Suicide: A global issue: Understanding*. Praeger, 2013.
- 101 Lester D, Rogers JR. (Eds.) *Suicide: A global issue: Prevention*. Praeger, 2013.
- 102 Lester D. *Rational suicide: Is it possible?* Nova Science, 2014.
- 103 Lester D, Gunn JF, Quinnett P. *Suicide in men*. Thomas, 2014.
- 104 Gunn JF, Lester D. *Theories of suicide: Past, present and future*. Thomas, 2014.
- 105 Lester D. *The "I" of the storm*. De Gruyter, 2014.
- 106 Lester D. *On multiple selves*. Transaction, 2015.
- 107 Dadfar M, Lester D. *Death education program*. Tehran, Iran: Mir-Mah, 2015.
- 108 Lester D, Stack S. *Suicide as a dramatic performance*. Transaction, 2015.
- 109 Dadfar M, Lester D, Vahid MKA, Farid AAA, Birashk M. *Death distress in nurses*. Tehran, Iran: Mir-Mah, 2015.
- 110 Lester, D. *Firearms and suicide prevention*. Nova, in press.
- 111 Lester, D. *The end of suicidology*, in preparation.
- 112 Lester D. *Cannibalism*. In preparation.