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To my mother Lillian, wife Diane, son Scott, and daughter Heidi my sources of family support, and my life's greatest treasures

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To my mother Grace, wife Sue, son Charles, daughter Jean, and my delightful grandchildren

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## Preface

Most students today have had at least part-time experiences in some form of work organization. You have quickly learned that not all behavior—whether your own, your manager's, or that of your workmates—is entirely rational. And you may have pondered a series of questions about what you saw and felt:

- Why do people behave as they do at work?
- How can individuals, groups, and whole organizations work together more effectively within the increasing pace of corporate change, dramatic restructurings and downsizings, and advancing global competition?
- What can managers do to motivate employees toward greater productivity?
- What responsibility do managers have for ensuring employee satisfaction?
- What can you learn from theory, research, and the experiences of other managers to help you become an effective future manager?

These and many other questions provide the background for this tenth edition of *Organizational Behavior: Human Behavior at Work*.

Great progress has been made in the field of organizational behavior since this book was first published. The study and practice known as organizational behavior goes beyond the integration and application of behavioral science to work situations. It is an emerging field in which many questions and opportunities for improvement remain. This book provides rich insights into people at work in all kinds of situations and organizations.

We have tested earlier editions of this book on the firing line in university classrooms and in organizations for more than forty years. Many ideas offered by long-time users of previous editions and other insightful reviewers are incorporated in this new edition. Many topical ideas, figures, and applied examples have been provided by professors and managers from around the country. We actively solicit comments from both faculty and students to help us make the book even more useful in the future. We listen, we care about your input, and we strive to use it to produce a high-quality product. We invite you to contact the lead author by mail (at the University of Minnesota-Duluth, Duluth, Minnesota 55812, by phone (218-726-8762), or via the Internet (jnewstro@d.umn.edu) with any comments, ideas, or questions you may have.

#### THE AUTHOR'S ROLES

It may help you to appreciate this book more fully if you understand the roles we assume as authors. We begin by continuously immersing ourselves in the thinking, research, and practice of organizational behavior to gain an in-depth understanding. We keep abreast of new developments by regularly reading dozens of journals and books, as well as interacting with managers in a variety of organizations. Then we develop a logical and engaging organizational framework and proceed to identify the most important elements for inclusion. Finally, we organize and present the information in ways that will help readers learn and retain the ideas.

Our final objective is to produce a book that is accurate, useful, up-to-date, and engaging. We emphasize content and substance, and we present the material in an organized and provocative fashion that will enable readers to integrate the various parts of this discipline into a whole philosophy of organizational behavior. The tenth edition has been upgraded by thorough citations to recent research and practice, which indicate the basis for our conclusions.

Where appropriate, we include alternative viewpoints on a subject or express the weaknesses inherent in a particular model or concept. There are no simple answers to complex behavioral issues. We encourage readers to do their own thinking and to integrate a variety of perspectives. Consequently, we believe that this book will serve as a valuable foundation of behavioral knowledge. We hope it will stimulate readers to enrich their understanding through continued study of organizational behavior. Many prior students have chosen to retain their copy of *Organizational Behavior*, and they refer to it as a valuable reference manual when they encounter real-world problems and issues.

#### FEATURES OF THE BOOK

Many features of *Organizational Behavior: Human Behavior at Work* stand out in the eyes of its users. The most notable is its *careful blending of theory with practice*, so that its basic theories come to life in a realistic context. Readers learn that concepts and models do apply in the real world and help to build better organizations for a better society. The ideas and skills learned in organizational behavior can help readers cope better with every aspect of their lives.

Another popular feature is the hundreds of *examples of real organizational situations*. These real-life vignettes show how actual organizations operate and how people act (sometimes unexpectedly!) in specific situations. Most of the major concepts in this book are illustrated with one or more of these true examples.

A feature highly appreciated by both faculty and students is the book's *readability*. Following standard guidelines developed by Flesch and Gunning, we have maintained a moderate (but descriptive) vocabulary level, manageable sentence length, and a readable style to present a complex field in understandable language. Variety—provided by figures, practical illustrations, and

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research results—enhances the readability by presenting a refreshing change of pace from content discussions.

Other features of the book include:

- A detailed table of contents to locate major topics
- Provocative quotes at the beginning of each chapter to stimulate thought and in-class discussion, and margin notes to highlight key concepts
- Chapter-opening illustrations preceding every chapter to engage the reader in a real-life issue
- A widely accepted presentation of four models of organizational behavior that provides an integrating framework throughout the book
- Strong (and early) coverage of employee communication, much of it based on the authors' own research
- Two comprehensive chapters on motivational theories and another on their application to reward systems in organizations
- A chapter on empowerment and participation that is unique among organizational behavior books in capturing this highly contemporary approach
- Discussion of international issues in organizational behavior so students can later examine how selected concepts might require adaptation to other cultures
- A unique concluding chapter that examines contemporary issues in organizational behavior, and also takes a refreshing look at the limitations of organizational behavior to provide yet another balanced perspective
- At least one behavioral incident for analysis and one experiential exercise to involve students in their own learning, at the end of every chapter
- A comprehensive glossary of terms at the end of the book, providing a concise definition-at-a-glance for hundreds of key organizational behavior terms

New or expanded features in the tenth edition include:

- A significantly streamlined chapter structure that accents the issues of greatest importance in organizations today—motivation, leadership, interpersonal behavior, groups and teams, and the nature of change and its effects
- New coverage of teams—their organizational context, factors that make them successful, and team-building processes that help members work together more effectively
- A new feature, called What Managers Are Reading, that provides concise summaries of recent best-selling books related to the chapter content
- Boxes within each chapter that focus on ethical questions, diversity issues, or international aspects of organizational behavior
- A sharply increased attention to practicality, as evidenced by the frequent inclusion of a set of "action guidelines" to guide managers toward improved practice of organizational behavior
- Several new cases at the end of the book that represent a variety of organizational settings and behavioral issues

#### **LEARNING AIDS**

Major features included in each chapter are chapter objectives, introductory

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quotations and incidents, a chapter summary, terms and concepts for review, and true case incidents for analysis in terms of chapter ideas. All chapters contain thorough and up-to-date references that provide a rich source of additional information for the interested reader. These come from a wide variety of sources (covering both academic and practitioner-related publications) to demonstrate that useful knowledge and illustrations can be found in many places. We encourage students to refer to these references regularly, as they not only indicate the source of information but often provide an interesting historical perspective on an issue or a countervailing viewpoint. There are also numerous discussion questions, many of which require thought, encourage insight, or invite readers to analyze their own experiences in terms of the ideas in the chapter. Other questions suggest appropriate group projects. Each chapter also contains an experiential exercise to involve students in the application of a chapter concept.

#### **INSTRUCTIONAL AIDS**

Since this book has been used in classrooms for nine previous editions, several classroom-proven instructional aids have been developed and refined over the years:

## Study Guide, prepared by Jon L. Pierce (University of Minnesota, Duluth)

The **Study Guide** will help students learn the basic concepts and principles of organizational behavior and then test their comprehension of these concepts and principles. For each of the text's chapters, it includes a chapter overview and outline, a list of action-oriented learning objectives, and objective and subjective examination questions. Boxed inserts that highlight important definitions and themes from the text are incorporated throughout. In addition, answers for the objective examination questions are provided in an appendix at the back of the **Study Guide**.

## Instructor's Manual/Test Bank, prepared by Amit Shah (Frostburg State University)

The **Instructor's Manual** portion of this supplement is designed to save instructors time. It includes sample assignment sheets for quarter and semester schedules; chapter synopses; teaching suggestions; a detailed analysis for each of the end-of-chapter case incidents; and suggested answers to the end-of-chapter discussion questions and cases in the last part of the text. Blank lines are incorporated throughout the teaching material so that instructors can write notes about the subject matter. The **Test Bank** portion contains multiple-choice and true-false questions for each of the text's chapters and solutions for each.

#### **Computerized Test Bank**

A computerized version of the printed Test Bank is available in both DOS and

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Windows versions. This powerful system, which has on-line testing capabilities, allows tests to be prepared quickly and easily. Instructors can view questions as they are selected for a test; scramble questions; add, delete, and edit questions; select questions by type, objective, and difficulty level; and view and save tests.

#### **Overhead Transparencies**

A set of color transparencies is available to help instructors demonstrate key principles and concepts during their lectures. Transparencies consist of illustrations from other sources that will supplement text material, as well as selected text figures.

#### **PowerPoint Presentations**

The color **Overhead Transparencies** will also be available as PowerPoint electronic presentation slides for Windows 3.1.

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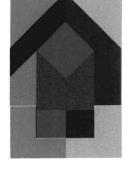
Videos, selected from NBC News Archives, are available for instructors to enhance their lectures.

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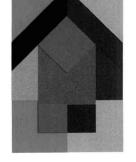
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