

Forte Publishes New Social Work Book

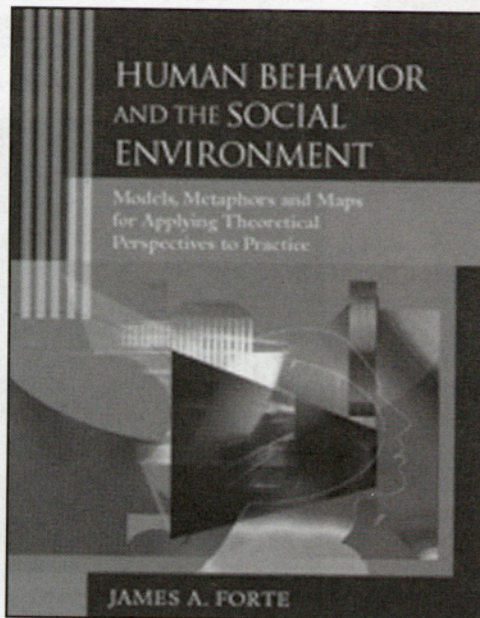


Dr. James Forte, professor and graduate program coordinator for the Social Work Department, recently published the first edition of a new textbook titled *Human Behavior and the Social Environment: Models, Metaphors and Maps for Applying Theoretical Perspectives to Practice*.

The 512-page theory-based book provides students with tools for comprehension to help them easily compare and contrast theories. His book also helps students understand the relevance

of theory to social work practice. Forte has written *Theories for Practice: Symbolic Interactionist Translations*, as well as more than 30 articles on subjects including the application of theory to areas like homelessness, domestic violence and multicultural practice.

Forte has been a full-time social work educator for the past 17 years. He joined the Social Work Department in 2003, after leaving Christopher Newport University in Virginia. There, he received the President's Award for Outstanding Teaching in 1996. He earned his Ph.D. from Virginia Commonwealth University.



Review: Human Behavior and the Social Environment

by Dr. Dorsey Hammond

Associate Professor Jim Forte's new book *Human Behavior and the Social Environment* was published this fall. This 600-page book, consisting of 13 chapters, makes a major contribution to the field of social work. Colleagues in the U.S. and Canada are praising the book for its comprehensive nature and its focus on translating theory into practice.

Reviewers have consistently praised the book for its fair treatment of the topics. Francis Turner, Professor Emeritus at Wilfred Laurier University in Canada, wrote: "Dr Forte has made a major and significant contribution. ... It is a work that represents a prodigious output of time and energy. It is a scholarly work of high relevance. ..."

Professor Evens of Bradley University stated, "This book fills an important void." And Adelle Sanders at Governor's State University explained that Jim Forte, "makes theory come to life." This is high praise from Jim's professional colleagues.

When you pick up this book, two things are abundantly clear. First, our SU colleague is a true scholar with a comprehensive knowledge of the field. He knows theory and he knows how to apply that theory to the multiple practices and situations that social workers face on a day to day basis. Secondly, it is obvious that Forte is an excellent writer. The writing is clear, lively and speaks directly to the reader.

Writing and publishing a book of this magnitude requires a serious commitment over several years. This scholarly publication reflects positively not only on the author, but also on the Department of Social Work, the Siedel School and of course Salisbury University.

Well done Dr. Forte and congratulations!