BENEFITS OF EFFECTIVE MENTORING


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Replicated a study by S. E. Hill et al (1989) of the relationship between mentoring and career success. 215 male and 43 female managers were surveyed concerning mentoring support, perceived success, and demographics. Four dimensions of informal support emerged: collegial/task, mentor/protégé, collegial/social, and teacher/coach support. Results support those of Hill et al, showing the importance of a mentor for career success. Men had higher success scores on managerial rank and income than women, and both men and women with mentors scored higher on informal and formal communication variables than did those without mentors.


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The issues of recruitment, training, and retention of experienced nursing staff remains an ongoing business strategy of nursing service in many health care facilities. The implementation of a structured mentoring program recognizes the need to develop and maintain relationships between the new and the experienced nurses. The terms of mentor and mentee are defined within a structured orientation program, highlighting specific roles and responsibilities of each. The use of other staff as preceptors and resources is discussed as a mechanism to enhance diversity in skill and knowledge development. The value of clinical tracking forms, planning calendars, and feedback mechanisms are stressed to ensure success in monitoring this program in a longitudinal way. Problems associated with the assignment of mentors are addressed as an area for future investigation in different care settings.

Ragins investigates the empirical research on mentoring relationships. Mentoring relationships are critical resources for employees in organizations. Empirical research has shown that protégés receive more promotions, greater compensation, and more career mobility than nonprotégés. Mentoring is related to greater career satisfaction, career commitment, career planning, organizational socialization, self esteem at work, job satisfaction, job involvement, and lower turnover intentions. Individuals with mentors receive more power in organizations and advance at a faster rate than those without mentors. Mentoring relationships are particularly important for women as women have been found to be less likely than men to receive personal support, job-related information, and developmental support from their supervisors. Mentors can help women overcome barriers to advancement, act as buffers for overt and covert discrimination, alter stereotypes by showing support and legitimating protégés’ work, and help women create valuable networks. Mentors provide two key functions: career development functions (coaching, sponsoring advancement, protecting protégés from adverse forces, providing challenging assignments, and fostering positive visibility) and psychosocial functions (personal support, friendship, acceptance, counseling, and role modeling). A single mentor may provide some or all of these functions. Research on mentorship behaviors has shown that the more functions provided, the greater the career and organizational benefits received.

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Previous studies in business organizations have shown that mentoring provides numerous benefits for both individuals and organizations. Most of this mentoring research has been based on traditional, hierarchical mentor-protege relationships in non-academic settings. We discuss why there is little empirical research on faculty mentoring and review changes in professors’ careers that necessitate a fresh look at this issue. We suggest that because of environmental changes, the traditional model of professors being guided throughout their careers by one primary mentor, usually the dissertation advisor, may no longer be realistic or desirable. Instead, professors may be better served by a portfolio of mentors (Baugh & Scandura, 1999; Higgins & Kram, 2001) who facilitate the protege’s development of career competencies. Building on the work of intelligent careers (DeFillippi & Arthur, 1996), we examine how the career competencies of knowing why, how, and whom interact with learning demands to produce the need for faculty to develop multiple mentoring relationships across their academic career. We build on this conceptualization by considering the role of signaling of career competencies (Jones, 2002) in developing the professorial network, offering managerial implications in developing mentoring programs, and discussing avenues for future research.

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The purpose of this study was to examine how perceived attitudinal similarity (measured as similarity in general outlook, values, and problem-solving approach) and demographic similarity operationalized as similarity in race and gender, affected protégés' support and satisfaction from their informal mentoring relationships. Scandura and Katerberg's (1988) 3-factor scale of mentor functions was used to measure vocational, psychosocial, and role-modeling support. Participants were 144 protégés from diverse backgrounds (54% female; 54% non-White). Perceived attitudinal similarity was a better predictor of protégés' satisfaction with and support received from their mentors than was demographic similarity.

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This article examines the outcomes that resulted from career discussions experienced by 104 employees. Employees appeared to benefit from discussions about their careers with individuals in a wide range of roles. Many effective career discussions produced multiple outcomes, and some of these were long-lasting. The most common types of outcomes experienced were a clearer view of future direction, self-insight, awareness of opportunities, and feeling reassured or better about self or work. The findings highlight the need for future research into the effectiveness of career interventions to take more account of multiple outcomes and how these evolve over time. Also, organizations need to encourage informal career discussions and informal mentoring.


This foundational piece on mentoring dispels several myths about mentoring: that the primary beneficiary is the protégé, that mentoring is always a positive experience, that all mentoring relationships look the same, that mentoring is the sole key to career success, and that it is readily available for those who want it. The book began as a study of mentoring relationships between junior and senior corporate managers and grew into research on nature, benefits, and limitations of different relationships between coworkers. Kram details two types of functions of mentoring relationships: career functions - sponsorship, visibility, coaching, buffering, and challenging assignments – and psychosocial functions – role modeling, acceptance and confirmation, counseling, and friendship. The sample size focuses mainly on men, but much research following this book has investigated gender differences in mentoring processes. The book suggests that developing mentoring relationships with more than one person and with peers as well as superiors.
In his review of empirical research on diversity, affirmative action, and climate, Milem (2003) explains that positive interaction among diverse people can lead to learning experiences, creative insights in research and teaching, and can improve departmental and institutional climate. He argues that a positive climate and positive interaction encourages faculty and students to remain at the university and can even increase productivity.

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The initiation of formal mentoring has become a widespread practice in public and private organizations. This paper reports results from a one-year longitudinal quasi-experiment which examined the effectiveness of a formal mentoring program at a Fortune 100 corporation. Employees who participated in the program were compared with a control group who reported never having had a mentor. Results showed that subjects with formal mentors reported significantly higher levels of job satisfaction. While a small to medium effect for participation in the mentor program was observed for organizational commitment, this effect failed to reach statistical significance in the current study. Subjects participating in the mentor program did not differ from their nonmentored counterparts in terms of work-role stress or self-esteem at work. These results suggest that a formal mentor program can have positive effects on individual and organizational outcomes, but its effectiveness may not be as extensive as widely assumed.


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A taxonomy of negative mentoring experiences was developed using descriptive accounts of negative mentoring experiences from the protégé's perspective. Content
analysis revealed 15 types of negative mentoring experiences, nested within five broad metathemes: Match within the Dyad, Distancing Behavior, Manipulative Behavior, Lack of Mentor Expertise, and General Dysfunctionality. Quantitative analyses indicated that protégés were more likely to report that their mentor had dissimilar attitudes, values, and beliefs when describing their most negative mentoring relationship compared to their most positive mentoring relationship. Implications for theory-building, future research, and applied practice are discussed.

Negative mentoring experiences encountered by 242 protégés across their career histories were examined. Negative mentoring experiences clustered into 2 factors: Distancing/Manipulative Behavior and Poor Dyadic Fit. Protégés reports of the impact that these experiences had on them further suggested that several types of negative mentoring experiences were related to job satisfaction, turnover intentions, and stress. Finally, protégés in formally initiated mentoring relationships reported the most negative experience as having more of an effect on turnover intentions and stress than protégés in informal relationships. The results are discussed in the context of broadening the focus of mentoring research and implications for applied practice.

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In this four part series, based on a broad literature review, Cathy Trower explores academic science as a place for women to work. She explains that women scientists leave at higher rates than male scientists in part because of a lack of effective mentoring, role models, encouragement, and confidence.

Similarities and differences were examined in graduate school experiences of male and female doctoral students in programs containing predominantly male or gender-balanced faculty. Participating students reported their perceptions of mentor support, partner support, peer support, academic self-concept, sensitivity to family issues, stress, and career commitment. In studies, women in male-dominated programs expressed lower academic self-concept, less sensitivity in their departments to family issues, and lower career commitment compared with all other students. Mentor support and academic self-concept predicted the career commitment of all students. Student reports were unrelated to the gender of their mentors. A subset of the students participated at both time points; these students showed significant drops in self-concept and career commitment across the 2 years.

Why do so few women occupy positions of power and prestige? Virginia Valian uses concepts and data from psychology, sociology, economics, and biology to explain the disparity in the professional advancement of men and women. According to Valian, men and women alike have implicit hypotheses about gender differences -- gender schemas -- that create small sex differences in characteristics, behaviors, perceptions, and evaluations of men and women. Those small imbalances accumulate to advantage men and disadvantage women. The most important consequence of gender schemas for professional life is that men tend to be overrated and women underrated. Valian's goal is to make the invisible factors that retard women's progress visible, so that fair treatment of men and women will be possible. The book makes its case with experimental and observational data from laboratory and field studies of children and adults, and with statistical documentation on men and women in the professions. This chapter summarizes data showing when erroneous judgments are most likely (little time, divided attention, low accountability), what types of reasoning errors are exacerbated when social groups are involved (failure to appreciate covariation, blocking, illusory correlation), how to improve reasoning about others, and how to use the authority of leaders to legitimate other leaders. Women, more often than men, lack information about what is required for career advancement, take on routine responsibilities which will not help their advancement, and get less mentoring from senior faculty.
WILLINGNESS TO MENTOR

Dispositional and motivational variables related to the propensity to mentor others and to the provision of career and psychosocial mentoring were examined. Results indicated that prosocial personality variables (other-oriented empathy, helpfulness) related to willingness to mentor others and also accounted for unique variance beyond variables associated with life and career stages. Other-oriented empathy related to actual experience as a mentor. Results also indicated that motives for mentoring others differentially related to psychosocial and career mentoring.

We investigated the relationship between anticipated costs and benefits of being a mentor, mentoring experience, and intentions to mentor among a sample of 275 executives. Individuals lacking mentoring experience anticipated greater costs and fewer benefits than experienced individuals. Anticipated costs and benefits were related to intentions to mentor, and this relationship varied by mentoring experience. The results suggest that mentoring may be an intergenerational process.