PSYCHO-PATHOLOGY:
Contributions from the Social, Behavioral, and Biological Sciences
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Preface

This volume covers a wide spectrum of topics concerning social, behavioral, and biological approaches to psychopathology, and, in a final section, mathematical description and the use of models in psychopathology. The emphasis throughout the volume is theoretical, methodological, and quantitative. The point of view is that of the research worker striving for conceptual clarity in some segment of the field in order to cope with its unresolved issues. In some chapters the source of the research question is clinical; in others the implications are clinical; in a third group both source and implications are clinical. The book was conceived as a reference work as well as a stimulus to maintain a multifaceted approach to the field for the research worker, the clinician, the teacher, and the student of psychopathology.

Perhaps to a greater extent than most books composed of chapters written by different authors, this book has been a group venture. The reason lies partly in the range of fields covered, which required technical and editorial help from colleagues more conversant in these fields than the editors. However, the main reason for the participation of so many people is that this volume was compiled to honor Joseph Zubin, a fact that facilitated the task of attracting illustrious authors to the project. These authors have generously agreed to contribute the income realized from the sale of this book to a fund for furthering Joseph Zubin’s new research ideas. Therefore we thank the many people who participated in this volume, not so much for helping us, as for joining in our common goal of honoring Joseph Zubin.

We wish to thank the current and former staffs of Joseph Zubin’s department, the Biometrics Research Unit of the New York State Department of Mental Hygiene, as well as many other associates and colleagues. Members of this group met together to plan the volume and to designate the editors as a committee to produce it. It is not possible to mention all of them by name because there were so many who gave time, advice, and money for the preparation of the manuscript, as well as editorial assistance. On the other hand, some should be mentioned because they did so much—Richard
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As everyone knows who has ever tried to write or edit a book, a large burden is always borne by the secretaries who keep things organized and who do the typing of the various (often illegible) drafts of chapters. We are especially grateful to Shula Bitner and Lynn Garibaldi, who worked very hard on the enormous task of handling the correspondence and early drafts of papers during the first major phase of preparing this volume; and, as always, we were able to count on the devoted efforts of Madeline Misar, Marie Junger, and Vilma Rivieccio, of the Biometrics Research Unit, from the earliest stages through delivery of the completed manuscript. We are greatly indebted to Marion Hartung, who took on the arduous task of checking out the references and footnotes of all the chapters, and who made sure that the tables were properly placed and that the figure legends were in correct form—all thankless tasks but all necessary for producing the finished book.

Finally, a word about the multiple editorship of this volume is in order. We can truly say that this was a collaborative effort—one in which it is now quite impossible to single out the various contributions made by each of us. For this reason we chose to list ourselves alphabetically. Moreover, our collaboration was such that we have all learned from one another—interestingly enough, exactly the kind of collaboration which Joseph Zubin might have supervised and for which he certainly made us ready. So here, we are again saying thank you to Joseph Zubin, to whom this book is dedicated.

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