George Kelly's Personal Construct Theory

Fundamental Postulate: A person's processes are psychologically channelized by the ways in which he anticipates events.

- 1. Construction Corollary: A person anticipates events by construing their replications.
- 2. *Individuality Corollary:* Persons differ from each other in their construction of events.
- 3. *Organization Corollary:* Each person characteristically evolves, for his convenience in anticipating events, a construction system embracing ordinal relationships between constructs.
- 4. *Dichotomy Corollary:* A person's construction system is composed of a finite number of dichotomous constructs.
- 5. *Choice Corollary:* A person chooses for himself that alternative in a dichotomized construct through which he anticipates the greater possibility for extension and definition of his system.
- 6. *Range Corollary:* A construct is convenient for the anticipation of a finite range of events only.
- 7. *Experience Corollary:* A person's construction system varies as he successively construes the replications of events.
- 8. *Modulation Corollary:* The variation in a person's construction system is limited by the permeability of the constructs within whose range of convenience the variants lie.
- 9. *Fragmentation Corollary:* A person may successively employ a variety of construction subsystems which are inferentially incompatible with each other.
- 10. *Commonality Corollary:* To the extent that one person employs a construction of experience which is similar to that employed by another, his psychological processes are similar to those of the other person.
- 11. *Sociality Corollary:* To the extent that one person construes the construction processes of another, he may play a role in a social process involving the other person.