

In Memory of Dr. Harry J. Carlisle

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Harry J. Carlisle. Photo courtesy of Victoria F. Turek

Harry Carlisle was a native of Santa Barbara, CA, and completed both his B.A. and M.A. degrees at the University of California, Santa Barbara. He obtained a Ph.D. in Psychology and Physiology from the University of Washington, and went on to a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania Medical School. Dr. Carlisle returned to UCSB in 1965, and in 1977 became a full professor in the Psychology Dept., in the Neuroscience and Behavior Area. He was responsible for helping significantly in the development of the undergraduate Biopsychology major, and was teaching classes, even after his retirement, up until his death.

Dr. Carlisle was a highly productive scientist who made significant contributions to the field of thermoregulation and energy balance. However, I think he made an equally significant contribution to science as a professor and mentor. Dr. Carlisle loved teaching, and inspired many, many students to pursue careers in science. I would not be a scientist, and would certainly not study thermoregulation if it were not for him; and I know dozens of other former students that are now professors, clinicians, postdoctoral fellows, graduate and medical students who were introduced to the excitement of neuroscience research either in his classes or in his laboratory. He was loved, respected, and will be greatly missed.

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