



A Tribute to Leading Professor of Psychology , Edward G. Carr, Ph.D.

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To the Campus Community:

STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY MOURNS THE PASSING OF EDWARD G. CARR, PH.D.
LEADING PROFESSOR IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

Expert in Autism, Revered Educator, Compassionate Practitioner
Professor Carr and his wife Ilene Wasserman, victims in a tragic car
accident

It is with great sadness that the University learned of the passing
of Edward (Ted) Carr, Ph.D., 61, Leading Professor of Psychology, and
his wife, Ilene Wasserman, Ph.D., 58, following an automobile
accident in Wading River, N.Y., on Saturday, June 20, when they were
returning from a nature drive.

Revered by students and colleagues, and beloved by the children and
families he worked with, Dr. Carr was an internationally recognized
pioneer in autism treatment research. He was co-developer of two
strategies for dealing with autism used by researchers and
practitioners worldwide: "Functional Behavior Assessment," and
"Positive Behavior Support, strategies now recommended by the
Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, federal legislation that
specifies how all children with disabilities in the United States are
to be educated.

Dr. Carr was the Director of the Research & Training Center on
Positive Behavior Support for Autism & Developmental Disabilities at
Stony Brook University. During his 35 years as a researcher and
professor, he published more than 100 papers on issues related to
applied behavior analysis and positive behavior support in the home,
classroom, workplace, and community. Deeply engaged in community
education and outreach, Dr. Carr trained many undergraduate and
graduate students who have entered the autism field; he lectured
extensively, served on the editorial boards of 17 journals, and gave
workshops in the United States, Canada, and Europe. He is also the
author of a best-selling book, "Communication-Based Intervention for
Problem Behavior" (1994).

In 2005, Dr. Carr was named to the Panel of Professional Advisors of
the Autism Society of America (ASA), a national association with
120,000 members dedicated to educating the public about autism. The
panel helps set national standards for autism research, as well as
practice and policy regarding the care of individuals with autism. He
received numerous awards in his field including the Applied Research
Award for Outstanding Contributions to Applied Behavioral Research
(American Psychological Association, 2001) and the Distinguished
Research Award for Career Achievement (Association for Retarded
Citizens, 1999). A Fellow, American Psychological Association and
past president of the Association for Positive Behavior Support, Dr.
Carr was named in Who's Who in America (2005) and Who's Who in
American Education (2004).

Dr. Carr secured his undergraduate and graduate degrees from the

University of California at San Diego and was Medical Research Council of Canada Postdoctoral Fellow at UCLA. He joined Stony Brook University in 1976 as an Assistant Professor and quickly rose through the ranks to full Professor in 1985. In 2000, he was designated Leading Professor by the State University of New York in 2000 and was thrice selected "Teacher of the Year" in the Department of Psychology (2004, 2006, 2008).

Ted Carr and Ilene Wasserman are survived by their only son, Aaron, and Ted's brother, Allan.

To view this tribute on the Stony Brook University web site, go to:
http://commcgi.cc.stonybrook.edu/am2/publish/General_University_News_2/index.shtml

A campus-wide Memorial Service will be held for Ted Carr in Fall 2009 for returning faculty and students. Please check the Psychology Department web site for updates at
<http://psychology.psy.sunysb.edu/psychology/>

Links to Autism community web sites paying tribute to Professor Carr:

Autism Speaks

http://www.autismspeaks.org/inthenews/in_memoriam_edward_carr.php

Association for Positive Behavior Support

<http://www.apbs.org/>

Autism Society of America

http://www.autism-society.org/site/News2?page=NewsArticle&id=14205&news_iv_ctr1=1882