

UCSD psychology professor Robert Boynton receives Frederic Ives Medal

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Robert Boynton, a professor emeritus of psychology at the University of California, San Diego, has been awarded the 1995 Frederic Ives Medal of the Optical Society of America. The Ives Medal is the highest award the society presents for overall distinction in optics.

Boynton is best known for his contributions to the understanding of color vision. His book Human Color Vision, published in 1979, has been an important source for scientists in the field.

The recipient of many awards during his distinguished career, Boynton was elected to the National Academy of Sciences in 1981.

A native of Evanston, III., Boynton joined the UCSD Department of Psychology in 1974 after serving as professor of psychology and visual science and chairman of the Department of Psychology at the University of Rochester. From 1987 to 1991, he served as the UCSD Associate Dean of Graduate Studies and Research. Boynton also served as the graduate adviser in psychology for many years, as chair of the UCSD Graduate Council, and as a member of the University-wide Coordinating Committee on Graduate Affairs.

Boynton received an A.B. degree from Amherst College in 1948 and a Ph.D. from Brown University in 1952.

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