

Gerald Goldstein

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Renowned neuropsychologist, Gerald (Jerry) Goldstein, who was well known for his substantive research and service contributions to the specialty of clinical neuropsychology, died Thursday, April 6, 2017 in his home. He was 85 years old.

Dr. Goldstein was born and raised in New York City. He completed his undergraduate and masters' studies at the City College of New York and served a two-year tour of duty in the Army. Dr. Goldstein was always interested in the brain, and that interest was cultivated by Kurt Goldstein at City College in New York City. Dr. Goldstein went on to the University of Kansas, where as a student under Dr. Martin Scheerer he received his PhD in clinical psychology in 1962. Additional post-doctoral work was completed with Ralph Reitan at the University of Indiana.

After his doctorate, Dr. Goldstein took a position at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Topeka, Kansas as a research psychologist and was a faculty member at the Menninger School of Psychiatry. In 1975, he moved his research program from the Topeka VA and Menninger Clinic to the Pittsburgh VA, where he continued to work as a Senior Career Research Scientist until the day of his passing. He was also a Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine and Professor in the Department of Psychology at the University of Pittsburgh.

Dr. Goldstein is well known for his continued and extensive scientific contributions to neuropsychology. With more than 350 refereed articles, books and other scholarly publications, his research record is remarkable, not only with regard to his productivity, but also with regard to the significance and scope of his contributions.

For example, his book "Assessment of brain damage: A neuropsychological key approach" (1970), is considered by many to be the first clinical neuropsychology textbook published in English. Dr. Goldstein was among the first to conduct systematic neuropsychological work examining alcoholism and schizophrenia. He was also at the forefront of the neuropsychological rehabilitation movement and published one of the first books on the topic "Rehabilitation of the brain damaged adult" (1983).

In 2015, the VA honored his many years of service with the Department of Veterans Affairs Service Award for 60 Years of Service. He was one of two individuals who were president of the International Neuropsychological Society, National Academy of Neuropsychology, and Society for Clinical Neuropsychology (Division 40) of the American Psychological Association (APA). He also served in various leadership roles including as representative for Division 40 to the APA Council of Representatives; a founding editor of *Neuropsychology Review* and an editorial board member for many scientific journals such as *JINS* and *Archives of Clinical Neuropsychology*; and as one of the first examiners and members of the Board of Directors for the American Board of Professional Psychology-Clinical Neuropsychology. He was a fellow of the National

Academy of Neuropsychology, American Psychopathological Association, and APA Divisions 12, 18, and 40. His contributions have been widely acknowledged and examples include the Distinguished Lifetime Contribution to Neuropsychology Award, Nelson Butters Award, and the Distinguished Service Award from the National Academy of Neuropsychology, the Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary's Award, the International Neuropsychological Society Distinguished Career Award, and most recently with a Presidential Citation from the American Psychological Association.

Neuropsychology has lost one of its great visionaries and leaders. To those that knew him, they have also lost a great friend. Dr. Goldstein's legacy will continue to influence the research and practice of clinical neuropsychology in years to come.

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