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**IN MEMORIAM  
HARRY HELSON**

Harry Helson, onetime professor of psychology, was born on November 9, 1898, in Chelsea, Massachusetts. He received a bachelor's degree from Bowdoin College in 1921 and master's and doctoral degrees from Harvard University in 1922 and 1924, respectively.

Professor Helson taught at the University of Kansas, Bryn Mawr College, and Brooklyn College. He joined the faculty of The University of Texas at Austin in 1951, where he taught until 1961.

Dr. Helson coedited *Theoretical Foundations of Psychology* (1951) and *Contemporary Approaches to Psychology* (1967). He authored *Adaptation-Level Theory, An Experimental and Systematic Approach to Behavior* (1964). He also published more than 40 articles in professional journals, including the *American Journal of Psychology* and the *Journal of Experimental Psychology*.

Professor Helson served as president of the division of general psychology of the American Psychological Association and as editor of the *Psychological Bulletin*.

In 1959 he won the Warren Medal from the Society of Experimental Psychologists for outstanding research.

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