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**IN MEMORIAM
WILLIAM L. LESTER**

William L. Lester, professor emeritus of art and art history, died on November 27, 1991. He was 81.

Professor Lester was born on August 20, 1910, in Graham, Texas. He studied at the Dallas Art Institute.

Professor Lester was associated with the "Dallas Nine" artists during the Great Depression. The "Dallas Nine" members incorporated a highly subjective approach in their work. They also developed a Texas Regionalist style in Dallas, which became one of the most active regional art centers in the country during the 1930s.

Professor Lester taught for the Dallas Museum of Art. He joined the faculty of The University of Texas at Austin in 1942, and chaired the Department of Art from 1952 to 1954.

Professor Lester's works were exhibited at numerous museums, including the Brooklyn Museum, the Art Institute of Chicago, and the Pan American Union in Washington, D.C. His works are in the permanent collections of the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Whitney Museum in New York City. In Texas his works have been collected by the Museum of Fine Arts in Houston and the McNay and Witte Museums in San Antonio.

John R. Durbin, Secretary
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