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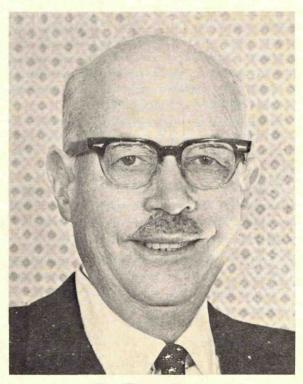
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"For his lifelong study of hedonic processes in behavior. Convinced of their significance for psychology, he endeavored to give objective reference and experimental validity to the concept. Although hedonic theorizing ran counter to the prevailing temper, he persisted in the belief that the control of behavior must be analyzed for affective value as well as intensity value. His research on preference showed the effect of experience in modifying acceptability; his work on need-free organisms clarified acceptance and appetitive behavior. Most recently, he has been examining composite stimuli and preference. Current renewed interest in hedonic theory rests in good measure on his experimental demonstrations and theoretical arguments."

Biography

Paul Thomas Young was born in Los Angeles, California, in 1892. He attended the public schools of that city and received the AB in 1914 from Occidental College. He attended Princeton University



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His teaching career included 2 years, 1919–21, as Instructor in Psychology at the University of Minnesota prior to a move in the fall of 1921 to the University of Illinois. At Illinois he was advanced through the various academic ranks to Professor of Psychology in 1934, which title he held until 1960 when he became Professor of Psychology Emeritus, Following retirement he continued laboratory research under a grant from the National Science Foundation until 1963 when he moved to Claremont, California. He has held summer teaching positions at the University of California, Los Angeles, 1947, and San Diego State College, 1950. Sabbatical leaves from the University of Illinois included: a year at Stanford University, 1932-33; Yale University as Visiting Fellow, 1939-40; Harvard University as Research Fellow, 1947-48.

Young is a Fellow of the American Psychological Association and of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, a Life Member of the Midwestern Psychological Association and the Illinois Psychological Association. He is a member of the Psychonomic Society, the American Association of University Professors, and Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi, Psi Chi, and Phi Delta Kappa fraternities.

Young has served on numerous local and national committees. He was Chairman of APA's Committee on Precautions in Animal Experimentation, 1927-30, and member of the Council of the Midwestern Psychological Association, 1933-36. He collaborated with the National Research Council's Committee on Food Habits, 1944, and with the Food Acceptance Division, Quartermaster, United States Army, 1947-48. He attended the Minnesota conference on nutrition and behavior, 1956. He served on the editorial boards of the Journal of Social Psychology and Comparative Psychology Monographs until discontinuance of the latter journal in 1961. His research has been supported by grants from the American Medical Association, the Quartermaster of the United States Army, the Research Board of the University of Illinois, and the National Science Foundation.

In 1926–27 Young received a National Research Council fellowship for study abroad. At Berlin, in the Psychologisches Institut der Kaiser Wilhelm Universität, he made the first experiment of a series upon food preferences of the white rat and, incidentally, completed a study of sound localization with a pseudophone. Holder of Occidental College's distinguished alumnus award, he received in 1961 the honorary DSc from his alma mater.

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