Robert W. Goy Lecture Series

In 2014, the Wisconsin National Primate Research Center launched the Robert W. Goy Lecture Series to feature a prominent scientist in behavior and reproductive neuroendocrinology. Our speakers have been Kim Wallen, Art Arnold, Margaret McCarthy, Tracy Bale and Bruce McEwen. Lectures are typically in March or April at 4 pm in the UW–Madison Discovery Building. We had to cancel Jacques Balthazart’s lecture in 2020 due to the COVID-19 health emergency.

Dr. Robert W. Goy, Ph.D., 1924-1999, was a professor of psychology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and Director of the Wisconsin Regional Primate Research Center from 1971-1989. Dr Goy exemplified the best the University of Wisconsin-Madison has to offer – in research, teaching, mentoring and creative inspiration. Many of his students have become leaders in neurobiology, neuroendocrinology, behavioral endocrinology and primatology. He mastered these fields and completely changed the way we look at hormonal influences on reproduction, development and behavior. Dr. Goy was also key in building the foundations of the Primate Center we know today, a leading institution of biomedical research and humane animal care.

Robert W. Goy: 1924-1999

Dr. Goy’s artistic sensibilities helped him see things in research that others missed. He combined through his teachings a caring and thoughtful personal style with a sparkling and masterful intellect. He shaped my view of science. The force of his intellectual and personal presence had an impact like no one else. “

Kim Wallen, Ph.D., Emory University, Department of Psychology, and Yerkes Regional Primate Research Center

“Intellectually playful, whimsical, quixotic, extraordinarily talented and astute. My students really adored him. He always had meetings, where he would seek them out and talk them out and make them feel that they were doing something worthwhile.”

Arnold Gerall, Ph.D., 1927-2013
Tulane University, Department of Psychology

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Establishing the Robert W. Goy Lecture Series highlights Dr. Goy’s many achievements, and provides a highly deserving and lasting association between Dr. Goy and the WNPRC, the place where he dedicated so much of his life’s work. We hope you will join us in our initiative to invite a prominent speaker annually from the fields that Dr. Goy did so much to advance. Our goal is to raise $100,000 to endow the lectureship. We sincerely appreciate your gift: You may donate online, or contact the UW Foundation, 608-263-4545.

Sincerely,
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