MEMORIAL RESOLUTION OF THE FACULTY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

ON THE DEATH OF PROFESSOR EMERITUS DAVID TREDWAY GRAHAM

David Tredway Graham, internist, educator, and former chair of the Department of Medicine, died in Newark, Delaware, on Saturday, November 13, 1999 at the age of 82. Dr. Graham was a pioneer in the development of psychosomatic medicine. His research demonstrated a relationship between particular diseases and associated attitudes toward life events.

He graduated from Princeton University in 1938, was awarded an M.A. degree in psychology from Yale University in 1941, and the M.D. degree from Washington University, St. Louis, in 1943. After serving as 1st lieutenant and captain in the Army Medical Corps in Africa and Germany during World War II, he completed residency training at Washington University. He served as a research fellow at the Cornell Medical School, New York City, from 1948 to 1951. He was a diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine and a fellow of the American College of Physicians.

Following six years on the faculty of the Department of Medicine of Washington University, St. Louis, Dr. Graham taught for 29 years at the University of Wisconsin Medical School as associate professor, professor and chair (1941-1980) of the Department of Medicine. He also served as assistant dean/chair of Medical School Admissions (1964-1969), and as chair of the Fourth Year Committee (1969-1972).

Dr. Graham is remembered as an administrator who developed a democratic governance structure. During his tenure as chairman of the Department of Medicine, the number of students in each Medical School class grew from 100 to 160, and Department of Medicine residency positions increased dramatically. In response, he redefined departmental teaching objectives, expanded teaching activities, and formulated Medical School policies for analysis and evaluation of admissions and grading systems. When the aging Wisconsin General Hospital was replaced by the Clinical Science Center, he increased efficiency and effectiveness of departmental operations by restructuring the Department of Medicine specialty sections. He also expanded the mission of the General Internal Medicine Section to address primary care needs of the community.

In addition to his administrative positions, Dr. Graham maintained an active research group in collaboration with the late J.D. Kabler, M.D. and with J.J. Chosy, M.D. He published widely in the scientific literature, including invited chapters and editorials, as well as original research, theoretical, and review articles. He also had close ties with members of the Department of Psychology and the Department of Psychiatry.

He was visiting professor of psychiatry at the University of Virginia in 1966 and Ripley Lecturer at the University of Washington, Seattle, in 1976.


After retiring from the University of Wisconsin in 1986, he served as adjunct professor in the Department of Psychology at the University of Delaware. He received the Emeritus Faculty Award from the University of Wisconsin Medical Alumni Association in 1992.

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Dr. Graham is survived by his wife of 58 years, Frances Keesler Graham; two daughters, Norma Graham of New York City, and Mary Graham of Wilmington, Delaware; a son, Andrew Graham of Midland, Michigan, and eight grandchildren.

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