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David M. Messick joined the faculty of the University of California, Santa Barbara in 1964 upon completion of his Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina. His career is marked by significant contributions to the university and to the discipline of psychology.

As the second social psychologist to join a young and growing department, Dr. Messick was instrumental in developing a strong psychology program on this campus. He served both as Vice-Chair and Chair of the department, and played a leadership role on numerous departmental and university committees. Most significantly, he was elected to the faculty's top leadership position, Chair of the Academic Senate for the UCSB campus. He also served as Director of the University of California Study Center in Bergen, Norway.

Dr. Messick is a widely-recognized authority on the social psychological factors that influence the decision making and judgment processes. His research has investigated both individual and group decision making, and has expanded our knowledge of such topics as the motivations underlying choice behavior in interdependent situations, the consumption of shared resources by group members, decision processes under conditions of uncertainty, and biases that influence the perceived fairness of decisions and behaviors. Dr. Messick was a Fulbright Scholar to the Netherlands on two different occasions, was awarded the NAS East-West Fellowship to go to Hungary, and was recognized as a Distinguished Alumnus of the Department of Psychology at the University of North Carolina. He also served as editor of the *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*.