

Loy D. Lytle - Professor Emeritus 2009 Loy Lytle earned his BA from UCSB in 1966 with a double major in Psychology and History. He received his Ph.D. in Psychology from Princeton University (1970) and then served as a postdoctoral fellow, Assistant, and then Associate Professor in the Department of Nutrition and Food Science at MIT before returning to UCSB in 1976. He retired as a Professor of Psychology in 2009. Loy made outstanding contributions in research, teaching, and administration. His early research was devoted to studying the effects of psychoactive drugs and nutrients on brain function with particular interest in how early exposure to these chemicals produced subsequent changes in neurochemistry and behavior. His later research involved animal models for studying pain and screening new analgesic drugs. Loy is a past recipient of a prestigious Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Fellowship in Neurosciences and a member of several different professional societies (including the American Society of Pharmacological and Experimental Therapeutics, the American Institute of Nutrition; Society for Neuroscience; International Society of Developmental Psychobiology, and the International Association for the Study of Pain). He has also served as a president of the UCSB Sigma Xi Society. During this time Loy also acquired a well-deserved reputation as a dynamic and effective instructor - a talent that earned him a UCSB Mortar Board Society distinguished teaching award.

In mid-career, Loy's impressive talent as an administrator emerged. During his service as Vice Chair and Chair of Psychology, the department grew in both size and stature and it was largely through his efforts and plans that a new Psychology building first emerged. Outside the department he served on important committees at both campus and system-wide levels. In 1997 he was appointed Director of the Office of Summer Session. His ability to recognize and enhance the efficiency of summer sessions led to his appointment as Dean of Extended Learning Services. Loy's work in that role was particularly impressive and was recognized by his election as the President of the western and national divisions of the Association of Summer Session Administrators.

Throughout his varied career at UCSB, Loy Lytle freely shared his intelligence, strong sense of purpose, impressive capacity for hard work, and delightful wit with students, administrators, and colleagues at every level of the campus community.