IN MEMORIAM

RICHARD MOWSESIAN

Richard Mowsesian was born in New Britain, Connecticut, on December 22, 1927. He joined the College of Education at The University of Texas in 1965 and retired in 1998 after over thirty years of loyal service in the Department of Educational Psychology. Professor Mowsesian passed away on May 19, 2016. The field of educational psychology benefited greatly from his hard work and dedication.

Professor Mowsesian graduated from Bulkeley High School in Hartford in 1945, going on to earn a Bachelor of Science from Central Connecticut State College (now Central Connecticut State University) in 1952. His undergraduate work was on elementary education, but he focused on counseling during his graduate career. He received his Master of Education degree in 1958 from Hillyer College, University of Hartford, and his Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin in 1965.

Professor Mowsesian had significant experience as a teacher and a counselor. From 1952 to 1958, he served as an elementary and junior high school teacher in Westbrook, Connecticut. He then served as a counselor in Connecticut schools from 1958 to 1962 before moving to graduate teaching and research work at the University of Wisconsin.

In 1965, The University of Texas hired Richard Mowsesian as an Assistant Professor in Educational Psychology. Thanks to his outstanding work with students, his contributions to the department’s graduate program, and his strong research record, he was promoted to Associate Professor in 1970. In 1986, Professor Mowsesian planned and organized the first Annual Texas Testing Conference, which featured crucial conversations involving distinguished educators on the
development and application of tests in schools and other settings. The Conference enjoyed many years of success. Professor Mowsesian also earned distinction for his devotion to his numerous graduate students and for his work as the Director of the highly regarded Master of Education Program in Counselor Education. He developed courses such as the Psychology of Career Counseling, Vocational Analysis and Career Development, and Counseling in the Elementary Schools.

Professor Mowsesian’s substantial body of research resulted in the book *Golden Goals, Rusted Realities: Aging and Work in America* (1986); articles such as “Educational and Career Aspirations of High School Females” (1972) and “Teaching and the Elementary School Guidance Program” (1969); multiple chapters for professional guide books and textbooks; and over fifty papers.

Richard Mowsesian was given the distinction of Associate Professor Emeritus upon his retirement in 1998. His legacy lives on in the UT Austin College of Education.

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