

Robert W. Goy Lecture Series

The Wisconsin National Primate Research Center's Robert W. Goy Lecture Series has featured a prominent scientist in behavior and reproductive neuroendocrinology since 2014. Our previous speakers were Kim Wallen, Art Arnold, Margaret McCarthy, Tracy Bale, Bruce McEwen, Jacques Balthazart, Emilie Rissman and Larry Young. Dr. Liisa Galea will give the 10th Robert W. Goy lecture on Wednesday, April 2, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. at the Orchard View Room, Discovery Building, 330 N. Orchard, U.W. Madison. The meeting will also be virtual for those that cannot attend in person. Contact Edi Chan for more information at chan@primate.wisc.edu.



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.

*Sincerely, Ei Terasawa, Professor of Pediatrics, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Robert W. Goy Lecture Series Committee Chair*

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