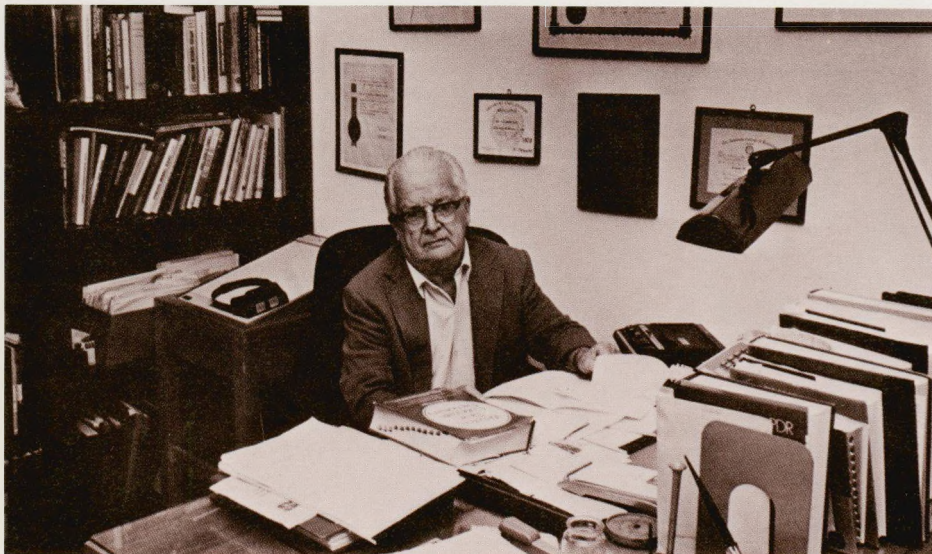


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In Memoriam

ERNEST LACHMAN, M.D. 1901 - 1979



It is indeed a privilege to have known, admired and enjoyed the friendship of Ernest Lachman; it is with a deep sense of loss that the Library dedicates this issue of *Footnote to his memory.

Dr. Lachman was born in Glogau, Germany, in 1901, and earned an M.D. degree at the University of Breslau, Germany, in 1925. He did his internship and residency at the Rudolph Virchow Hospital, Berlin, and became Assistant Chief in Radiology in 1930. He left Germany in 1933 and spent one year in anatomical and clinical studies at the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, Edinburgh, Scotland.

Lee K. Emerheiser, M.D., Acting Head of the Department of Anatomy, working with committees to assist in the settlement of physicians fleeing the Nazi occupation of Europe, brought Dr. Lachman to Oklahoma City in 1934 as Assistant Professor of Anatomy, School of Medicine. In 1939, he was promoted to Associate Professor of Anatomy and in 1945 to Professor and Chairman of the Anatomy Department, a position he held for 23 years.

He was named Regents Professor of Anatomy and Radiology in 1968, Regents Professor Emeritus of Anatomical and Radiological Sciences and Senior Scholar at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center in 1971 and Adjunct Professor Emeritus and Medical Director - Advisor of Radiography in 1979.

In addition to his membership in the American Association of Anatomists, Dr. Lachman was a member of the American College of Radiology, American Medical Association, American Association of Physical Anthropologists, Society for Experimental Biology and Medicine, and Oklahoma County and State Medical Associations (Life Time Member). He was an honorary member of both Phi Beta Pi and Alpha Omega Alpha, and a member of the Oklahoma Hall of Fame.

Dr. Lachman never retired from teaching or writing. He gave a lecture on Introduction to Radiology to the first year medical students (his 45th class), just one week before his death. His teaching was actually an education because he

introduced philosophy and humanity into his didactic instructions. He was beloved and respected by his students. The Medical class of 1953, holding its 25th class reunion in Las Vegas in July 1978, sent Dr. Lachman a telegram in appreciation of his merits and recognizing him as the "Most Outstanding Professor Encountered in Our Medical Careers."

Dr. Lachman published over 130 scientific and educational articles. He was a Co-Editor of the *Biological Abstracts*, Consultant Editor for *The New Physician*, Section Editor of *Morris' Human Anatomy*, 11th and 12th editions, Corresponding Editor of the *Journal of the Oklahoma State Medical Association*, Member of the Editorial Board of the *Bulletin of the Oklahoma County Medical Society*, Co-Author of *Principles in Human Anatomy* and Diplomate of the American Board of Radiology. He was the Author of *Case Studies in Anatomy* and was working on its third edition at the time of his death. Dr. Lachman enjoyed medical education and writing throughout his life and turned down several opportunities of practicing radiology.

During the years that the Library and the Department of Anatomy were in the same building, it was Dr. Lachman's practice to come to the Library every morning to check the newly-arrived journals for offerings in his fields. The staff looked forward to his cheery "good morning" and to his dry wit and humor. He was an avid Library user and one of its strongest supporters both formally and informally.

The Library faculty and staff is grieved and saddened by Dr. Lachman's death, but grateful to have known and worked with him. He enriched our lives as he certainly did the lives of the students he trained during his thirty-seven years of teaching in this institution.

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