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George Reynolds and I met when we arrived together in September 1958 as graduate students in the Department of Psychology at Harvard University. We were soon both involved in research in the pigeon laboratory, and as time passed we developed collaborative projects along with the experiments we each were carrying on independently. George completed his degree quickly, receiving his Ph.D. in 1960. He remained in the department for two more years as an instructor, after which he went to the University of Chicago, and then, in 1966, to the University of California–San Diego, where he was department chair from 1970 to 1974 and from 1978 to 1983.

I remember George especially for the period of intense independent research activity while we were both at Harvard. The departmental resources were exemplary: the basement of Memorial Hall included research space and equipment, machine shop, calculators, student offices, and the psychology library. With apparatus work, data analysis and study, not to mention debates that lasted well into the night, we sometimes worked so late that upon leaving the laboratory we met those on their way in to start the morning round of pigeons.

After we each left Harvard, George and I were not able to see each other often, but we continued working together through mail and phone on a manuscript based on our collaborative work. “A quantitative analysis of the responding maintained by interval schedules of reinforcement” was finally published in *JEAB* as a monograph (1968, 11, 327–383), and was later chosen as a Citation Classic by the Institute for Scientific Information, when George and I were asked to write a brief commentary about the research (*Current Contents: Behavioral and Social Sciences*, Number 47, November 24, 1980, p. 16).

George’s extensive contributions to behavior analysis include his journal articles, about two dozen of which have appeared in this journal, his coediting with J. A. Nevin of *The Study of Behavior* (Chicago: Scott, Foresman, 1973), and his coauthorship with Edmund Fantino of an undergraduate text, *Introduction to Contemporary Psychology* (San Francisco: W. H. Freeman, 1975). For a number of years he was also an active member of the *JEAB* Editorial Board and of the Board of Directors of the Society for the Experimental Analysis of Behavior. Perhaps most important was his *Primer of Operant Conditioning* (Chicago: Scott, Foresman, 1968, 1975), the two editions of which served for many in this field as their introduction to behavior analysis.

Although we remain saddened by George Reynolds’ death, we must be grateful for his legacy to behavior analysis: that part of his behavior surviving and growing in the work of those who were students of his research and his writings.

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