

Remembering Lyman Porter



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man W. Porter, our esteemed colleague and CUCEA treasurer since 2003, passed away July 2, 2015. He will be sorely missed, not only by CUCEA members but by his many colleagues and former students at his home campus UC Irvine. The campus organized a memorial gathering as a tribute to his life held September 25, 2015 at the Merage School of Business, UCI. An obituary was published in the Los Angeles Times and can be viewed at:

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/latimes/obituary.aspx?pid=175355948>

The following excerpt from the tribute by UCI Chancellor Howard Gilman well describes Lyman's career:

Dr. Porter, a mainstay of the UCI faculty for well more than four decades, played a major role in the advancement of the university and had a profound influence on his discipline. Dr. Porter came to UCI in 1967 as professor of management (with a joint appointment in psychology) and assistant dean of what was then the Graduate School of Administration after rising from lecturer to full professor of psychology at our sister campus UC Berkeley. As assistant dean, he was instrumental in starting the Ph.D. program in the GSA. He served with great distinction as dean of the school from 1972 to 1983. His tenure was marked by the creation of strong connections between the school and the business community, primarily through the highly successful Corporate Partners Program, and the development of the MBA program. Long after becoming emeritus in 1992, he continued to teach, research, and serve his campus. The Dr. Lyman W. Porter Colloquia Room in the Paul Merage School of Business building was named in his honor this past year. Dr. Porter was one of the primary founders of the study of organizational behavior. His texts are considered classics in the field. He taught and mentored generations of academic and industrial leaders, and played a major role in ensuring that organizational behavior would become an important component of modern business education. Among his many honors, he was elected president of the Academy of Management in 1973-1974; president of the Division of Industrial and Organizational Psychology, American

Psychological Association in 1975-1976; and a longtime member of the Board of Directors of the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business. At UCI, he received the Lauds and Laurels University Service Award in 1975, the Lauds and Laurels Distinguished Research Award in 1985, and the Academic Senate Distinguished Faculty Lectureship Award for Research in 1989-1990. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, his two children, and four grandchildren.