When the Wisconsin National Primate Research Center celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2014, we launched the Robert W. Goy Lecture Series to feature a prominent speaker in behavior and reproductive neuroendocrinology. Our first speaker was Kim Wallen, Ph.D., Emory University. Our second speaker was Arthur Arnold, Ph.D., presenting “Sex differences in disease caused by cell-autonomous effects of sex chromosomes” at 4 p.m., March 16, 2016, at the Primate Center. (Listen to the audio of the talk here.)

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.

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
(Quotations from “Robert Goy’s memorial service brings family and friends from across the miles”)

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 Wisconsin National Primate Research Center – 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 Dr. Goy did so much to advance. Our goal is to raise $100,000 to endow the lecturership. We sincerely appreciate your gift: You may donate on line, or contact Barb McCarthy at the UW Foundation, 608-265-5891, barb.mccarthy@supportuw.org.

Sincerely,
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