



You may be interested in the following credentials of our first president, Dr. Bernard C. Murdoch:

**Bernard Constantine Murdoch, Ph.D.**

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In 1917 Homer and Hilma Murdoch, of combined Scottish and Swedish descent, had a second son, Bernard Constantine Murdoch. Bernard grew up in

Charlotte, North Carolina and spent some time in Jacksonville, Florida when his father was transferred. Through his family he was affiliated with the Presbyterian Church and that became a lifelong connection. During the hard economic times of the early 1900s he worked his way through a bachelor's degree at Appalachian State University (graduating Summa Cum Laude), a Master's degree at the University of Cincinnati on scholarship, a Ph.D. at Duke University on two scholarships and was picked by the U.S. Air Force to get a Master of Science degree from New York University's School of Engineering in order to be a meteorologist during World War II -- serving in the European Theatre with 6 battle stars.

Psychology as first presented to Dr. Murdoch lacked appeal, as he watched a practitioner pierce the cheek of a very attractive girl in a demonstration of hypnosis. Since he didn't want to pursue that academic route, he concentrated instead on science and math. Eventually, however, he came to view psychology as so essential for successful living that he declared that an example of lack of insight is not realizing that everyone should have the equivalent of a major in psychology as part of their educational basis for life.

As an academician Dr. Murdoch was dean of two colleges -- Muskingum College in Ohio and Presbyterian College in South Carolina. He spent 28 years at Wesleyan College in Macon, Georgia where he retired as Emeritus Psychology Professor after being Chairman of the Psychology Department, Chairman of the Behavioral Sciences Division and Director of Testing. While at Presbyterian College he was a Graduate School Adjunct Professor at the University of South Carolina and while at Wesleyan College he was Graduate School Adjunct Professor at Mercer University.

As a professional psychologist Dr. Murdoch was a Research Supervisor for the American Council on Education in Washington D.C. After moving to Macon, Georgia, he had a psychotherapy practice for 45 years. He served as President of the Georgia Psychological Association from 1969 – 1970 and later served as President of the Georgia Board for Licensing Psychologists.

From middle school and high school days Dr. Murdoch wanted to know why he or anyone else should learn something – how was the learned material to be used? He looked for application not only in academia, but also in his commitment to being the best Christian he could be. He once visited the office of George W. Crane, a Northwestern University Psychologist with a Ph.D. and an M.D. Dr. Crane wrote a book entitled Psychology Applied and inscribed one of his books for Dr. Murdoch as follows: “To Bernard C. Murdoch – superb exponent of the laws of psychology delineated herein and pioneer of earlier editions of this college textbook. Fraternaly, George W. Crane.”

Dr. Murdoch's own promotion of Applied Psychology was evidenced in

authoring five books:

1. The Production of Doctorates in the Sciences, 1951
2. Love and Problems of Living, 1992
3. GOD and Positive Christianity, 1998
4. Psychology for Life, 2000
5. A Revolutionary View of Education and Teaching for the Third Millennium, 2002

In addition, he provided workshops throughout Georgia. Two were at the University of Georgia for the State Association of Judges. Many were provided for the Preschool Association, including two at the University of Georgia. There were many marital workshops outside Macon, including Augusta and Albany. He co-founded the Macon Mental Health Association.

Dr. Murdoch was very active in religion, serving as a Sunday School Teacher in Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist Churches. He preached in four churches in Macon and three elsewhere. He was author for three religious publications. He was Trustee, Deacon, Elder and Presbyterian representative to the Presbytery for the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

His accomplishments have been recognized in Who's Who In America since 1950.

When Dr. Murdoch retired from Wesleyan College in 1982, he chose to share his cumulative insights with others – with no remuneration for himself. He began working on his magnum opus, Love and Problems of Living, with his collaborator, Dr. Sandra C. Lewis. In 1990 he founded The Fore(In)Sight Foundation, a non-profit organization with the purpose of applying psychology to reduce/eliminate preventable pain, suffering and death. He also started a newsletter called TRUTH SEEKERS.

Dr. Murdoch touched many lives. His death left a void for many. Through the Fore(In)Sight Foundation Dr. Murdoch continues to help any of us who are interested in examining some or all of his thinking with possible expansion and sharing to benefit others. Books and a free newsletter are available. You are welcome to contact us at The Fore(In)Sight Foundation, 4976 Oxford Road, Macon, Georgia 31210-3059. The web site is [www.foreinsight.org](http://www.foreinsight.org), the E-mail address is [foreinsight@foreinsight.org](mailto:foreinsight@foreinsight.org) and the telephone number is (478) 474-3869. Dr. Sandra C. Lewis is the current President.■

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