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# CURRICULUM VITAE<sup>1</sup>

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**Name:** Ray Hyman

**Present position:** Professor of Psychology  
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**Date and place of birth:** June 23, 1928  
Chelsea, Massachusetts

**Academic degrees:** 1950 A.B., Boston University  
Phi Beta Kappa  
Honors in Psychology  
1952 M.A., The Johns Hopkins University  
1953(Feb) Ph.D., The Johns Hopkins Univ.

## **Positions held:**

Jul 1953-Jun 1961 Assistant Professor of Social Psychology, Harvard University

Jul 1958-Jun 1961 Consultant in Behavioral Research, General Electric Company  
Sep 1961-Aug 1964 Associate Professor of Psychology, University of Oregon

Sep 1964- Professor of Psychology, University of Oregon

Sep 1967-Aug 1968 Fulbright-Hays Research Scholar, University of Bologna, Italy

Sep 1976-Dec 1976/Jun 1977-Sep 1977/Jun 1978-Sep 1978 NSF Faculty Fellowship in Science Applied to Societal Problems

Sep 1982-Jun 1983 Visiting Professor of Psychology, Stanford University (Thomas Welton Stanford Chair for Psychical Research)

## **Additional Positions and Experience<sup>2</sup>**

Mar 1949-Jul 1949 Statistician for antihistamine study, Allergy Fund of Boston

<sup>1</sup> This is a very abbreviated and somewhat modified version of my full résumé.

<sup>2</sup> A partial listing.

Ray Hyman's Vita 2

Jan 1953-Jul 1953      Consultant to Systems Coordination Division, Naval Research Laboratory, Washington, D.C.

Jul 1974-Aug 1974      Subcommittee on Preparing Problems and Examples for Committee on the Mathematical Training of Social Scientists, Social Science Research Council

Oct 1955-Jan 1956/Oct 1956-Jan 1957/Oct 1957-Jan 1958      Director of Statistical Workshop for Psychology Department, Clark University

Oct 1957-Jun 1958      Statistical Consultant, Age Center of New England

1970 to 1975          Statistical Consultant, Roseburg VA Hospital

**Some Current or Recent Positions:**

Executive Council, Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal

Editorial Board, The Skeptical Inquirer

Member of National Research Council's Committee on Techniques for the Enhancement of Human Performance (1985-1991)

**Publications****BOOKS & MONOGRAPHS:**

Bush, R.R., Abelson, R.P., & Hyman, R. (1956). Mathematics for psychologists: examples and problems. New York: Social Science Research Council.

Vogt, E.Z., & Hyman, R. (1979, Revised Edition). Water Witching U.S.A. Chicago: Univ. of Chicago Press.

Hyman, R. (1960). Some experiments in creativity. New York: General Electric Company (101 pages).

Hyman, R. (1960). Methods for the study of creativity: an evaluation of current research. New York: General Electric Company (204pp).

Hyman, R. (1964). The nature of psychological inquiry. Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey: Prentice-Hall.

Hyman, R. (1965). Creativity and the prepared mind: preconceptions in creative achievement and creativity. research. National Art Education Association.

Hyman, R. (1989). The elusive quarry: a scientific appraisal of psychical research. Buffalo, NY: Prometheus Books.

Hyman, R. (In Preparation). How smart people go wrong: cognition and human error.

**ARTICLES:**

I have published over 200 articles in professional journals on perception, pattern recognition, creativity, problem-solving and critiques of the paranormal. I consider all my publications as dealing with aspects of my major interest in human error and deception. I have also published articles in magic journals and have won awards for inventing new conjuring effects.

### **Public Talks and Media Presentations**

During this period I have given talks to public schools, civic groups, and other organizations. I also have appeared on several television and radio programs. I serve as a resource to the media on various topics related to the paranormal, deception, mysticism, the occult, and human error. In this connection I have appeared on all the major networks, on Cable Network News, the Larry King Live show, Italian Television, Canadian Television, BBC television, and Nqva. I see these appearances as part of my program to help educate the public about how human cognition both enables us to cope with problems and makes us susceptible to illusion and deception.

### **My experience and Credentials Relevant to Alleged Psychic Phenomena**

Since 1953, I have been called upon by various governmental agencies to investigate or evaluate paranormal claims. Some examples would be the evaluation of a lady who allegedly could read with her finger tips; the evaluation of the claim by a group of engineers that they could teach psychics to gather information from photographs; the assessment of parapsychological research by American and foreign investigators; and the observation of metal bending and other alleged miracles by Uri Geller. I have also served as consultant and expert witness in court cases involving psychics or related paranormal claims. I have appeared on several radio and television programs in the United States, Great Britain, Canada and Italy to comment upon paranormal claims and to demonstrate how alleged paranormal phenomena can be duplicated by simple trickery and psychological manipulation.

I earned my way through college performing mentalism and reading palms. I have demonstrated psychic readings on several television and radio shows. I have done research and written articles on why people can falsely believe that their psychic readings were accurate and depended upon occult information. I have been invited to the Euroskeptics' conference in Ostende, Belgium to conduct a workshop on psychic readings at the end of September, 1994.