

Robert Sternberg

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Biography

Biographical Statement

Robert J. Sternberg is Professor of Human Development in the College of Human Ecology at Cornell University. He was most recently President and Professor of Psychology and Education at the University of Wyoming. Before that, he was Provost, Senior Vice President, Regents Professor of Psychology and Education, and George Kaiser Family Foundation Chair of Ethical Leadership at Oklahoma State University. He also is Honorary Professor of Psychology at Heidelberg University.

He was previously Dean of Arts and Sciences and Professor of Psychology and Education at Tufts University, and before that, IBM Professor of Psychology and Education, Professor of Management, and Director of the Center for the Psychology of Abilities, Competencies, and Expertise at Yale University.

He is a Past President of the American Psychological Association, the Eastern Psychological Association, Federation of Associations in Behavioral and Brain Sciences, and the International Association for Cognitive Education and Psychology, as well as Treasurer of the Association of American Colleges and Universities.

He currently is Associate Editor of *Perspectives on Psychological Science* and begins his term as Editor on January 1, 2015.

Sternberg is the author of more than 1500 refereed publications. His H value is 142 and his i10 value is 706. His main research interests are in intelligence, creativity, wisdom, thinking styles, teaching and learning, love, and hate.

Department Website Summary

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Teaching

Teaching and Advising Statement

Bob Sternberg has taught HD 1150, Introduction to Infant and Child Development,

and the accompanying section, HD 1160, in the fall of 2014. In the spring of 2015 he will be teaching undergraduate and graduate courses on The Nature of Intelligence. In the fall of 2016, he plans to teach one graduate course on Ethics in the Behavioral and Brain Sciences and an undergraduate course on The Nature of Leadership. He also will be teaching a Lifespan Development course in the future.

Professional

Current Professional Activities

Professor Sternberg a member of the board of directors, and is immediate Past-President of the Federation of Associations in Behavioral and Brain Sciences. He is currently associate editor and is also incoming Editor of Perspectives on Psychological Science. He also is a member of the Boards of Creative Oklahoma and The Imagination Institute at the University of Pennsylvania. None of the board service is compensated.

Research

Current Research Activities

Sternberg's main research interests are in intelligence, creativity, wisdom, thinking styles, leadership, ethics, love, and hate. He has taught courses in most of these areas, as well as in cognitive psychology, educational psychology, introductory psychology, and professional socialization.

His current collaborative research projects with his colleagues are on graduate admissions, medical-school admissions, ethics, and implicit theories of abilities across different groups.

He is the author of more than 1,500 publications and, as a principal investigator, has received more than \$20 million in grant funding. Sternberg has won more than two dozen awards for his work.

He was cited in an APA Monitor report as one of the top 100 psychologists of the 20th century (#60) and in a report by Diener and colleagues as one of the top 200 psychologists of the modern era (#61).

Extension

Education

Education

B.A., Psychology, Yale University
Ph.D., Psychology, Stanford University
13 honorary doctorates from 12 different countries

Courses

Courses Taught

HD 1150

HD 1160

HD 4010

Websites

Administration

Administrative Responsibilities

Sternberg is on the Board, as immediate past-president, of the Federation of Associations in Behavioral and Brain Sciences. He previously has served as president of the American Psychological Association (and four of its divisions), the Eastern Psychological Association, and the International Association for Cognitive Education and Psychology. He has been treasurer of the Association of American Colleges and Universities. He is a past-president of the University of Wyoming, past-provost of Oklahoma State University, and past-dean of arts and sciences of Tufts University.

Publications

Selected Publications

Sternberg, R. J., & Fiske, S. E. (Eds.) (2015). *Ethical challenges in the behavioral and brain sciences: Case studies and commentaries*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Sternberg, R. J., Davis, E., Mason, A. C., Smith, R. V., Vitter, J. S., & Wheatly, M. (Eds.) (2015). *Academic leadership in higher education: From the top down and the bottom up*. Lanham, MD: Rowman-Littlefield.

Sternberg, R. J. (Ed.) (2014). *The modern land-grant university*. West Lafayette, IN: Purdue University Press.

Sternberg, R. J. (2014). I study what I stink at: Lessons learned from a career in psychology. *Annual Review of Psychology*, 65, 1-16.

Sternberg, R. J. (2014). The development of adaptive competence. *Developmental Review*, 34, 208-224.