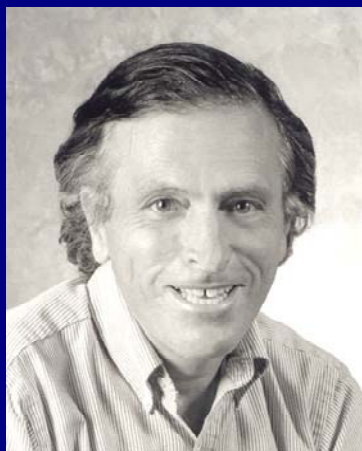


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David S. Sigman was an internationally renowned UCLA professor who discovered chemical nucleases and illuminated the molecular mechanisms by which enzymes catalyze biological reactions.

Born in New York City in 1939, he graduated *magna cum laude* from Oberlin College in Chemistry in 1960. He received his PhD in 1965 from Harvard. After postdoctoral work, he served briefly as an instructor at Harvard before joining the UCLA faculty in the Department of Biological Chemistry in 1968.

Professor Sigman's research bridged the fields of organic chemistry, biochemistry, and molecular biology. He was one of the founding members of UCLA's Molecular Biology Institute, serving as its associate director from 1994-2001. In 1989, he added an appointment to the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. He was a large part of the collegial glue that held our biomedical community together. As the guru for bioorganic chemistry, he was a dedicated mentor of younger scientists. He died November 11, 2001, at the age of 62, after a two-and-a-half-year battle with brain cancer. His wit, insight, and creativity are greatly missed!



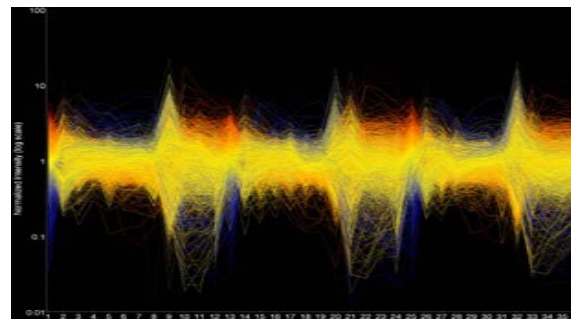
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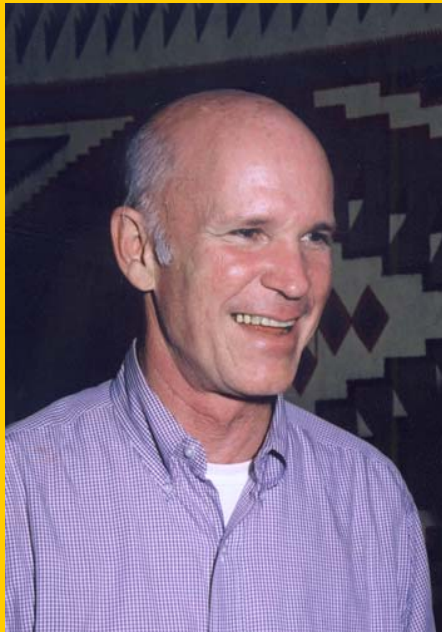
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Honoring
Steven L. McKnight



Thursday, February 7
4:00 – 6:00 PM

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Steve McKnight received his undergraduate education at the University of Texas and carried out doctoral studies at the University of Virginia. The first 15 years of his independent career were spent at the Department of Embryology of the Carnegie Institution of Washington. There Dr. McKnight used molecular biological and biochemical methods to study how genes turn on and off in mammalian cells.

In 1991, Dr. McKnight left academia and moved to San Francisco to co-found a biotechnology company devoted to the discovery of ethical drugs capable of treating human disease via the regulation of gene expression. In 1996, Dr. McKnight moved to the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas where he now works as an independent scientist in the Department of Biochemistry. Although primarily engaged as a basic scientist at UT Southwestern, Dr. McKnight has retained ties with several biotechnology companies, serves on the Board of Trustees of the Carnegie Institution of Washington, and acts as fund-raiser for a postdoctoral fellowship organization called the Life Sciences Research Foundation. Dr. McKnight is a member of the National Academy of Sciences and Institute of Medicine.

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