



## **David Fox**

David Fox received his B.A. in Mathematics and his M.A. and Ph.D. in Physics from the University of California, Berkeley. He taught in the Physics Department of the Israel Institute of Technology (Technion) in Israel for four years and in the Institute of optics and the Physics Department of the University of Rochester for three. In 1959, he moved to the newly-created Physics Department of what was then known as the College on Long Island of the State University of New York (and later, briefly, as SUNY on Long Island), located at Oyster Bay. At the time of his arrival, the institution had about 60 faculty members and a few hundred students.

In 1962, the college moved, became a university, and changed its name to SUNY at Stony Brook. Professor Fox was active in the development of the graduate program. He served as Dean of the Graduate School from 1963 to 1966, resigning the position in 1966 to return to the Physics Department, where he was engaged in teaching and research. He was the department's graduate program director for many years. Professor Fox retired from the University in 1992.

His principal field of research was solid state theory, primarily on properties of molecular crystals. He has also worked on random matrix theory and on energy storage problems. Some of the research was done during sabbaticals in Japan, Israel, and Portugal.