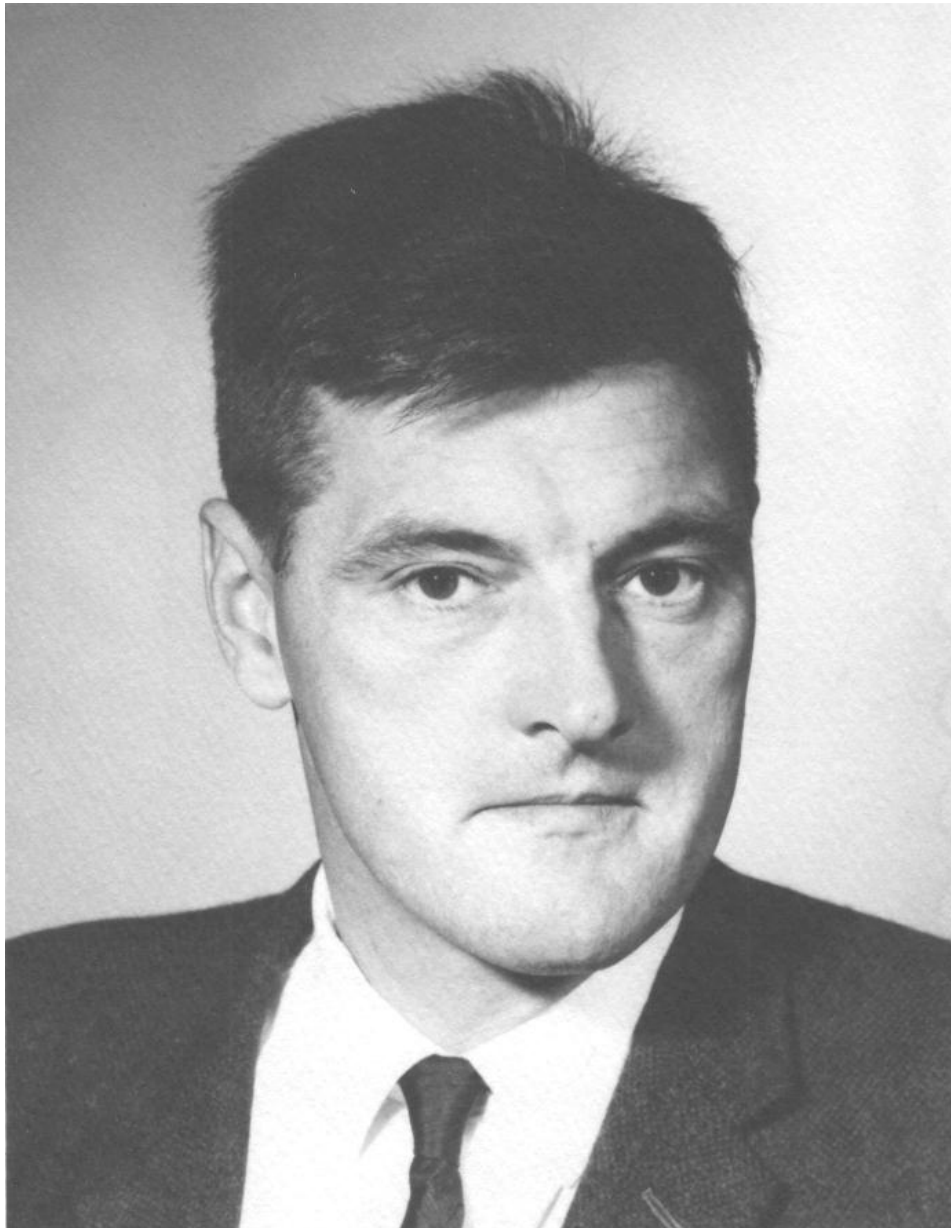


Lawrence Young
1925-2010



Dr. Lawrence Young, a faculty member in the University of British Columbia's Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, passed away on September 22, 2010 after a long battle with cancer.

Dr. Young was born on July 5, 1925 and educated at Cambridge University. He began his career in Canada at the National Research Council in Ottawa, Ontario before moving to Vancouver, British Columbia in 1955 to accept a position with the BC Research Council. In 1963, Dr. Young joined the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering at the University of British Columbia.

Dr. Young initiated courses and research in Solid-State Devices and in Electronic Materials, and was widely known as a world expert for his work on anodic oxide films. He was elected Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada in 1977, and was made Life Fellow of the International Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) in 1992, in recognition of his contributions to understanding the growth and properties of anodic, thermal, and plasma oxides, to the development of semiconductor and integrated optic devices, and to understanding the photorefractive effect.

Recreationally, Dr. Young played the viola, hiked and skied in the local mountains, and he kept and rode horses for many years. Dr. Young is survived by his wife.

Dr. Young wished to have no remembrance service, but there are staff, faculty and emeriti who will not forget his keen intelligence, sharp wit, and dedication to his students. Friends and colleagues wishing to make memorial donations are encouraged to support the BC Cancer Foundation.

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