

## DEANS OF THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

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1900-1920

**Frederic Young (Sociology)**

*Only Dean of the Graduate School without a doctorate*

1920-1939

**George Rebec (Philosophy)**

*From 1933 to 1939, he had the added title of Dean of the Graduate Division for the Oregon State Board of Higher Education*

1939-1947

**Olaf Larsell (Medicine)**

*Dean of the Graduate Division for the Oregon State Board of Higher Education; office at the UO Medical School*

1947-1956

**Eldon Johnson (Political Science)**

*Simultaneously, Dean of the Graduate School and Dean of the College of Liberal Arts.*

1956-1958

**Ray Ellickson (Physics)**

*Acting Dean*

1958-1965

**Harry Alpert (Sociology)**

1965-1966

**Norman Sundberg (Psychology)**

*Acting Dean*

1966-1973

**Leona Tyler (Psychology)**

*Dean of the Graduate School*

1973-1980

**Aaron Novick (Biology)**

*Dean of the Graduate School*

1980-1984

**Richard Hersh (Education)**

*Title changed to Associate Provost for Research and Dean of the Graduate School*

1984-1987

**Shirley Menaker (Education)**

*Title changed back to Dean of the Graduate School*

1987-1990

**Kenneth Ramsing (Business Administration)**

*Acting Dean*

1990-1998

**Steadman Upham (Anthropology)**

*Title changed to Vice Provost for Research and Graduate Studies and Dean of the Graduate School*

1998-2000

**Marian Friestad (Marketing)**

*Acting Dean*

2000-2012

**Richard Linton (Chemistry)**

*Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies and Dean of the Graduate School*

2012-2014

**Kimberly Espy (Psychology)**

*Vice President for Research and Innovation and Dean of the Graduate School*

2014-2015

**Andrew Berglund (Chemistry)**

*Interim Dean of the Graduate School*

2015- 2017

**Scott Pratt (Philosophy)**

*Dean of the Graduate School*

2017- 2018

**Sara Hodges (Psychology)**

*Interim Dean of the Graduate School*

2018 - 2019

**Janet Woodruff-Borden (Psychology)**

*Dean of the Graduate School*

2019 - present

**Kate Mondloch (History of Art and Architecture)**

*Interim Dean of the Graduate School*

## A HISTORY OF THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

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THE GRADUATE SCHOOL WAS ESTABLISHED by the board of regents on February 6, 1900, at the request of Frank Strong, third president of the University of Oregon. Creation of a graduate school was one of President Strong's plans to broaden the intellectual foundations of the University. During Strong's presidency, the UO developed library and art collections, laboratories, museums, and a broader curriculum to support graduate education. President Strong and his successor, Prince Lucien Campbell, also brought talented faculty members to Eugene, linking their promotions to research and scholarly publication. Many of these faculty members were instrumental in creating new graduate programs in their departments. By the 1920s, most of the components to support graduate programs—an outstanding faculty, research laboratories, studios, equipment, and a research library—were in place. The first doctoral degree was awarded in geology in 1926.

On September 11, 1933, the Oregon State Board of Higher Education (OSBHE) abolished the graduate schools at the University of Oregon, Oregon State University and the UO Medical School and created a system Graduate Division. In 1941, a General Graduate Council consisting of the dean and associate deans of the respective OSBHE institutions was established to oversee graduate programs. From 1933, to 1939, the UO Graduate Dean and philosopher George Rebec served as the first System Graduate Dean for OSBHE. Between 1939 and 1947, this position was held by Dr. Olaf Larsell, a physician from the UO Medical School. This cumbersome administrative structure persisted until October 22, 1946, when the System Graduate Division was abolished and independent graduate schools were reestablished at the universities.