Dr. Leo Rangell (1913-2011) was a leading American psychoanalyst, writer, teacher, and charismatic leader in his field. He championed the insights of Freudian and humanistic psychiatry in an era increasingly dominated by antipsychotic drugs. Rangell authored 450 papers and nine books, taught at UCLA and UCSF for 50 years, and continued to see patients until the last days of his life. In his final book, *The Road to Unity in Psychoanalytic Theory*, Dr. Rangell undertook the heroic task of creating a unified Freudian synthesis of the multiple psychoanalytic schools -- Adlerian, Sullivanian, Kleinian, Kohutian, Reichian -- a project which many of his colleagues considered impossible, but which he saw as crucial to re-establishing the influence and credibility of his field.

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THE LEO RANGELL VISITING SCHOLARSHIP

Each year, an outstanding scholar will visit UCLA to dialogue with faculty and present a lecture on important recent developments in neuroscience, psychiatry, psychoanalysis, or psychology. The 2013 Leo Rangell Visiting Scholar will be Dr. Eric Kandel of Columbia University, Nobel Laureate 2000, whose lecture will be given at 4 pm on Thursday, November 14, 2013, at Royce Hall.

Eric R. Kandel, MD, is Kavli Professor of biochemistry and biophysics at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University. He founded and served as the first Director of the Center for Neurobiology and Behavior, now the Department of Neuroscience at Columbia University. Dr. Kandel was born in Vienna in 1929 and came to US at the age of 9. He earned his BA at Harvard University and his MD at New York University. Initially attracted to neuroscience through psychoanalysis and the works of Freud, he soon became absorbed in experimental neuroscience. His Nobel-winning work elucidated the physiology of memory storage in neurons through studies of nerve cells in Aplysia, the sea slug. Dr. Kandel is the author of the highly regarded textbook, Principles of Neural Science, and a bestselling autobiography, In Search of Memory. In his most recent book, The Age of Insight, Kandel returns to his early love of history in looking at art, science, and medicine in the Vienna of 1900.

Kandel writes in In Search of Memory: The Emergence of a New Science of Mind (2007):

Then, in my last year in college, 1951-52, I developed a fascination with psychoanalysis, a discipline focused on peeling back the layers of personal memory and experience to understand the often irrational roots of human motivation, thoughts, and behavior. In the early 1950s most practicing psychoanalysts were also physicians. I therefore decided to go to medical school. There, I was exposed to the revolution occurring in biology, to the likelihood that fundamental mysteries of the nature of living things were about to be revealed....
COLLEAGUES REMEMBER LEO RANGELL’S WORK

Harold P. Blum, MD, Clinical Professor of Psychiatry and Supervising and Training Analyst, Psychoanalytic Institute, New York University Medical Center, and Executive Director of the Sigmund Freud Archives:

Leo’s books, My Life in Theory and The Road to Unity, were in the first decade of the 21st century. It’s a marvelous description of the evolution of psychoanalytic thought. It shows Leo’s interest in the nature of the various controversies that have evolved, his concerns about the tendency in recent years towards a kind of fragmentation of [psychoanalytic] thought, as he saw it.

Melvin Lansky, MD, Adjunct Professor of Psychiatry, UCLA Medical School and Training and Supervising Analyst, Los Angeles Psychoanalytic Institute:

Leo wants it integrated. The phrase “total composite theory” is very serious. We have to reexamine what's new, and we have to really examine the body of knowledge, but we're always ready to add, and if there's a good reason, we'll replace, but not otherwise. So sort of add, don't necessarily replace. If you had one epigram for Leo that people should carry away, my personal nomination would be that.

Helen Tausend, MD, in The Los Angeles Psychoanalytic Bulletin’s 1988 Special Issue honoring Leo Rangell:

Leo is the consummate and incessant psychoanalyst. His analytic stance is a part of him; he is accompanied by his third eye and ear wherever he is and as a result his comments and contributions are uniquely psychoanalytic.
The Leo Rangell Collection, 162 boxes of his papers, books, manuscripts, correspondence, and memorabilia are housed in the UCLA Neuroscience Archive at UCLA. They are a rich source for researchers interested in the history of psychoanalysis in the United States in the 20th century. Materials of special interest from the Collection will be regularly featured on the website.