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DESCRIPTION

In A Brief History of Modern Psychology, 2nd Edition, Ludy Benjamin, leading historian in the field, discusses the history of both the science and the practice of psychology since the establishment of the first experimental psychology laboratory in 1879.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Ludy T. Benjamin, Jr. is Professor of Psychology and Educational Psychology at Texas A&M University and is holder of the Glasscock Professorship and a Presidential Professorship in Teaching Excellence. His numerous publications include From Séance to Science: A History of the Profession of Psychology in America (with David Baker, 2004) and A History of Psychology in Letters (second edition 2006, Blackwell).

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