

Burton L. Baker Memorial Lecture Series

Wednesday, October 12, 2022
4 – 5 p.m. in the BSRB Kahn Auditorium

Light refreshments to follow in the BSRB–ABC seminar rooms

Organelle quality control: the role of autophagy in neuronal homeostasis and neurodegeneration



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About Burton L. Baker

Dr. Burton Baker earned his A.B. from Kalamazoo College in 1933 and his Ph.D. from Columbia University in 1941. He returned to Michigan as an Instructor of Anatomy within what was then known as the Department of Anatomy at U-M. Dr. Baker quickly rose through the ranks and was promoted to assistant professor in 1945, associate professor in 1947, and full professor in 1952. Dr. Baker's research was at the forefront of the new wave of immunocytochemical studies on hormone and releasing factor localization in the pituitary and hypothalamus. His research led to the publication of over 110 papers.

He was a member of executive committees (University of Michigan Medical School, American Association of Anatomists), NIH study sections, editorial boards (Editor-in-Chief of the American Journal of Anatomy), and he chaired the University of Michigan Cancer Research Committee for nearly two decades. For his accomplishments, Dr. Baker was awarded the Henry Russell Award by the University of Michigan and an honorary Sc.D. from Kalamazoo College.

While Dr. Baker grew his career as an internationally-admired researcher and instructor, he spent considerable time with his family and played an active role in his church and community. We remember Dr. Baker's accomplishments and mentorship through the Burton L. Baker Memorial Lecture.