

## Kurt Alden Simons



Kurt Alden Simons, PhD, a respected investigator in children's eye care, with a special interest in vision screening, died on October 3, 2019. He was 78 years old. Dr. Simons had served as director of the Pediatric Vision Laboratory at the Wilmer Institute for nearly 30 years. He is widely

known for his extensive and meticulously prepared reviews of amblyopia and vision screening.

Dr. Simons received a BA from Penn State University, followed by EdM and PhD degrees from Harvard University in developmental psychology. He then joined Dr. Robert D. Reinecke for 5 years at Albany Medical College as a research instructor and then research assistant professor. In 1980 Dr. Simons moved to the Will's Eye Hospital's research department. In 1984 he moved to Baltimore to join Dr. David L. Guyton at the Wilmer Eye Institute. He was promoted to associate professor in 1991.

His great interest was studying methods to improve vision screening and the treatment of amblyopia. Dr. Simons served on the AAPOS Vision Screening Committee. He had a particular interest in stereovision to screen for amblyopia and micro-strabismus.

I will remember Dr. Simons for pushing us into the computer age when he took us shopping for our first office desktop computer. More recently many will remember him for compiling monthly listserv literature updates on topics of interest to the AAPOS membership.

Following his retirement from Johns Hopkins University in 2010 Dr. Simons volunteered in the Pediatric Vision Laboratory, working with our fellows and faculty to improve their projects through discussions based on his experience. Dr. Simons is survived by his wife, Kathy, three daughters, a son, and many cherished grandchildren.

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