

Brief Biographical Sketch of Gary L. Wells

Gary L. Wells is Professor of Psychology at Iowa State University and holds the title of Distinguished Professor and the Stavish Chair in the Social Sciences. Wells is also Director of Social Science for the American Judicature Society's *Institute of Forensic Science and Public Policy*. He is an internationally recognized scholar in scientific psychology and his studies of eyewitness memory are widely known and cited. Wells has authored over 175 articles and chapters and two books. Most of this work has been focused on the reliability of eyewitness identification. He has received more than \$2million in funding from the National Science Foundation for his research on eyewitness identification and his findings have been incorporated into standard textbooks in psychology and law. His works have appeared in some of the most prestigious journals in psychology, including *Psychological Bulletin*, *American Psychologist*, *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Applied*, *Psychological Science*, *Current Directions in Psychological Science*, *Annual Review of Psychology*, and the *Journal of Applied Psychology*, among others. His research-based proposals on lineup procedures, such as his idea of double-blind lineups and sequential lineups, are being increasingly accepted in law enforcement practices across the U.S. His conclusions about eyewitness identification have received national media attention in such places as *Time* magazine, the *Chicago Tribune*, the *Los Angeles Times*, *Wired Magazine*, and the *New York Times*. He has made appearances on CBS's *48 Hours*, the *NBC World News Tonight*, Court TV, NBC's *Today Show*, *Rock Center*, and *60 Minutes*, among others. He was a founding member of the U.S. Department of Justice group that developed the first set of national guidelines for eyewitness evidence and co-chaired the panel that wrote the Justice Department training manual for law enforcement on eyewitness identification evidence. Wells has worked with prosecutors and police across the U.S. to reform eyewitness identification procedures. Wells is a past President of the American Psychology-Law Society and has received Distinguished Contribution awards from the American Psychology-Law Society and a Presidential Citation Award from the American Psychological Association. In 2008 Wells was awarded an honorary doctorate from the City University of New York, John Jay College of Criminal Justice.