In Memoriam

John Michael Argyle,
social psychologist, born 11th August 1925; died 6th September 2002

Michael Argyle was a Reader in Social Psychology at Oxford University and a Fellow of Wolfson College. He was promoted to a readership and on retirement joined Oxford Brookes University as a professor. Michael Argyle was born in Nottingham, went to Nottingham High School and Emmanuel College, Cambridge and was a navigator in the RAF. He was a pioneer in the study of Social Psychology in Britain (his academic career began in 1952, when he was appointed to the first lectureship in social psychology at the University of Oxford). He has been engaged in research in various aspects of non-verbal communication and social skills. With a series of hypotheses and experiments to examine which non-verbal cues served which interactive social functions and how, Michael Argyle opened up a whole new field of inquiry.


Michael Argyle was a strong family man who enjoyed being with his four children Miranda, Nicholas, Rosalind and Ophelia.

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