

Rich Galik



1951 - 2009

Mini-CV

BS 1973 MIT

PhD 1977 Cornell

Postdoc '77-'78 Penn

Asst. Prof '78-'81 Penn

Asst./Assoc./Prof. '81-'09 Cornell

Sabbaticals: Imperial College; Cavendish Lab

APS Fellow

PIC IAC 1999-2004

*Ann Arbor, Lisbon, Seoul,
Stanford, Zeuthen, Boston*

Selected Activities

Broader Impact

CLEO Leadership Positions Held:

Spokesperson, Run Manager, Analysis Coordinator

Chair of LOC, 1993 Lepton-Photon Symposium

Long-Term PI of Lab's REU Program

(Research Experience for Undergrads)

Quarkonium Working Group

ILC Detector R&D

Active in APS's NY State Section management

Selected Activities @ Cornell

*Cornell's "Paul Award" for Undergraduate Advising
Physics Dept. Director of Undergraduate Studies
6 1/2 years!*

Extensive work with "Health Careers" students

Sabbatical in:

Office of Assoc. Dean for Undergrad Education

*Chair & Member of University and College level
Educational Policy Committees*

Volunteer Ass't Coach, Men's Lacrosse ('81-'92 !!!)

Answered physics questions online ["Dear Uncle Ezra"]

Rich as a Physicist I

First papers from 1974:

- 1) Performance of a Heavy-Ion Time-of-Flight Spectrometer
- 2) Search for Fractionally Charged Particles
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This already reminds me of the Rich I knew, beginning in 1995:

- >> Involved in Hardware (CLEO Trigger !)
- >> Interested in a wide range of physics
[gravitated to Quarkonium, in later years...]

Rich as a Physicist II

Rich was always a positive, happy guy: in my mental images of him, he's invariably smiling

BUT... he was always *serious* about physics !

>> Very precise and knowledgeable

>> He had high standards for himself,
and expected the same of others

I remember him, smiling, as he calmly and politely explained to me why I was wrong...

Rich was the most conscientious member of CLEO, in my opinion :

>> w/Committee work, as AC, as an advisor, etc.

Rich & His Illness

First symptoms Dec'03; diagnosed summer'04
chordoma: tumor on spinal cord in neck

Fall'04: surgery
two vertebrae removed, much titanium added

He kept online notes to keep friends informed

In 2007, the outlook slowly worsened...

Rich remained extremely upbeat and kept very active

One of the *few* items he did drop soon was the PIC IAC...

A Few Personal Anecdotes...

*My first big conference was Rich's 1993 Lepton-Photon:
Very well-organized !*

*Rich in the Wilson Lab Video:
A natural at explaining physics to lay people*

*Meeting Rich at an Ithaca "Bowl Dinner" benefit:
(a story best heard in person)*

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*“Missed by many,
equaled by few...”*