

## Resume of Max Wolfsberg

Max Wolfsberg was born in Hamburg, Germany, in 1928. He received his education (A.B. 1948, Ph.D. 1951) at Washington University in St. Louis. His Ph.D. mentor was Lindsay Helmholtz (Wolfsberg–Helmholtz Approximation). After his Ph.D., he joined Brookhaven National Laboratory, where his interests in isotope effects were initiated in work with Jacob Bigeleisen. He worked his way up at BNL (1951–1969) through the ranks from assistant chemist to senior chemist. During his last years at Brookhaven, he held a joint appointment in the Chemistry Department at the neighboring State University of New York at Stony Brook on a part-time leave of absence. In 1969, he migrated to California to join the Chemistry Department at the new campus of the University of California at Irvine.

He served that department as Chair from 1974 to 1980. He held visiting appointments at Cornell University, Indiana University, University of Ulm, and Hebrew University. He spent a sabbatical year from Brookhaven as a NSF Senior Postdoctoral Fellow in Oxford, Copenhagen, and Upsala. He spent another later sabbatical at MPI, Mainz, as a Humboldt Awardee. He spent a very exciting short sabbatical as a National Academy Exchange Scholar in Leipzig (East Germany) in October/November, 1989, overlapping the period of the East German Revolution. His research interest has been various aspects of theoretical chemistry.

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