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### **Harold C. Wiggers, Ph.D., Sc.D. Dean 1953-1974**

Dr. Wiggers was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan in 1910 and received his Ph.D. degree in physiology from Western Reserve University in 1936. Prior to his appointment at Albany Medical College in 1947, Dr. Wiggers honed his teaching skills in physiology at various universities, including Columbia University, Western Reserve University, and the University of Illinois. After serving on the faculty at AMC for six years, he was appointed as Dean of the College and was the first Dean who did not have an M.D. degree. While Dean of the College he revitalized the faculty by appointing several new professors and also continued teaching physiology classes himself. Additionally, his contributions to the College were many, including growing the College budget and improving the facilities.