

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Francis A. Carey is a native of Pennsylvania, educated in the public schools of Philadelphia, at Drexel University (B.S. in chemistry, 1959), and at Penn State (Ph.D. 1963). Following postdoctoral work at Harvard and military service, he joined the chemistry faculty of the University of Virginia in 1966.

With his students, Professor Carey has published over 40 research papers in synthetic and mechanistic organic chemistry. He is coauthor (with Richard J. Sundberg) of *Advanced Organic Chemistry*, a two-volume treatment designed for graduate students and advanced undergraduates, and (with Robert C. Atkins) of *Organic Chemistry: A Brief Course*, an introductory text for the one-semester organic course.

Since 1993, Professor Carey has been a member of the Committee of Examiners of the Graduate Record

Examination in Chemistry. Not only does he get to participate in writing the Chemistry GRE, but the annual working meetings provide a stimulating environment for sharing ideas about what should (and should not) be taught in college chemistry courses.

Professor Carey's main interest shifted from research to undergraduate education in the early 1980s. He regularly teaches both general chemistry and organic chemistry to classes of over 300 students. He enthusiastically embraces applications of electronic media to chemistry teaching and sees multimedia presentations as the wave of the present.

Frank and his wife Jill, who is a teacher/director of a preschool and a church organist, are the parents of three grown sons and the grandparents of Riyad and Ava.