

JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER, Professor of Physics at Princeton University and formerly a member of the faculty of this University, native of Florida, educated at the Johns Hopkins University, where he obtained his Ph.D. in 1933, has risen rapidly to a position of eminence in his chosen field. One of the team of scientists who unlocked the secret of the atom, he has served as Consultant to the Atomic Energy Commission, as United States Representative on the International Cosmic Ray Commission, and as one of the organizers of the Institute of Field Physics.

As adviser to two presidents of the University of North Carolina on matters related to physics, he prepared reports which now serve as guides in developing this science here. Author of numerous papers on nuclear fission, elementary particles, and radiation, holder of honors and prizes, member and fellow of learned societies, he has carried on with vigor and insight the search for truth in the world of nature, striving to reveal the laws which govern the particles in the atom and the stars in their courses.

Deeply interested in the development of North Carolina as a center of scientific research, he has generously counselled and advised her policy-makers, to the end that this State, through its Research Triangle and strong scientific departments in its colleges and universities, may take its rightful place in the nation. Inspiring teacher and brilliant investigator, he does honor to a distinguished profession, and in token of our respect the University is proud to award him the degree of Doctor of Science.