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Education:

B.S. 1965 Oklahoma State University, Psychology (subspecialty Microbiology)
Ph.D. 1971 Washington University (St. Louis), Psychology (subspecialty Neuroembryology)

Experience in Higher Education:

1974-present Department of Psychology, University of Maryland, Baltimore County
1971-1974 Research Assistant Professor of Psychology, Research Associate in Biology and Ophthalmology,
Washington University/School of Medicine; Visiting Scientist, MIT

Professional specialties: Behavioral neuroscience, neuroembryology, social biology, science in the media

Courses taught: Sensation and Perception, Physiological Psychology, Neuroanatomy, Developmental Neuroscience,
Laughter and Humor, Animal Behavior, Developmental Psychology, Introductory Psychology

Books:

Quirks: Not So Mundane Behavior. R. R. Provine, Harvard University Press, in preparation.
Laughter: A Scientific Investigation. R. R. Provine, Viking/Penguin (2000), US, UK, French, Italian eds.

Research articles and book chapters (Selected from over 50 chapters, magazine, peer-reviewed articles)

Emoticons punctuate website text messages. R. R. Provine, R. J. Spencer, and D. L. Mandell. Journal of Language and Social Psychology 26 (2007) 299-307.

Laughter among deaf signers. R. R. Provine and K. Emmorey. Journal of Deaf Studies and Deaf Education, 11 (2006) 403-409.

Yawning. R. R. Provine. American Scientist, 93 (2005) 532-539.

Laughing, tickling, and the evolution of speech and self. R. R. Provine. Current Directions in Psychological Science, 13 (2004) 215-218.

The science of laughter. R. R. Provine. Psychology Today, Nov/Dec (2000) 58-62.

The laughing species. R. R. Provine. Natural History, 109 (2000) 72-77.

Laughter. R. R. Provine. American Scientist 84 (1996) 38-45.

Wing-flapping during development and evolution. R. R. Provine. American Scientist, 72 (1984) 448-455.

Crossing the midline: Limits of early eye-hand behavior. R. R. Provine and J. Westerman. Child Development, 50 (1980) 437-441.

Neurophysiological aspects of behavior development in the chick embryo. R. R. Provine. In G. Gottlieb, ed., Behavioral embryology, Academic Press, New York, (1972) 77-102.

Electrical activity in the spinal cord of the chick embryo in situ. R. R. Provine, S. C. Sharma, T. T. Sandel, and V. Hamburger. Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, USA 65 (1970) 508-515.

Honors:

The best American science writing 2006. R. R. Provine (Harper Perennial anthology)

The best American nonrequired reading 2006. R. R. Provine (Houghton Mifflin anthology)

25 Books to Remember 2000 (*Laughter*, R. R. Provine) (New York Public Library)

Media coverage: (Sample from dozens of television and hundreds of radio appearances and articles).

Television: *20/20*, *Scientific American Frontiers*, *Good Morning America*, *ABC Evening News*

Radio: *All Things Considered*, *Morning Edition*, *Talk of the Nation*

Print: *Newsweek*, *Time*, *New York Times*, *L.A. Times*, *Discover*, *Scientific American*, *New Scientist*

Reviews of *Laughter* (sample): *Time*, *New York Times*, *Times (London)*, *Scientific American*, *Discover*

Grants (Principal Investigator): NIH (three)