



Lynn I. Perrigo

Depicted next to the Deckers and geology professor Glenn G. Bartle, wearing a graduation cap and parrot atop his head

Dr. Lynn I. Perrigo was born in Indiana in 1904. He earned his bachelor's degree from Ball State University and his master's and PH.D. in History from the University of Colorado. In 1929, he married Vera Bilby and the couple had four children. In 1936, Dr. Perrigo was recruited to UKC to teach in the History Department. His scholarly interests included the history of the American Southwest, Hispanic culture in the American Southwest, and international relations between the United States and Latin America. He was an early advocate for the teaching of Spanish in American high schools, which he saw it as a way to strengthen relations between the United State and Latin American countries.

Throughout his career, Dr. Lynn Perrigo published over fifty articles and eight books on these topics. It is likely that his interests in Spanish language and culture brought him close to Luis Quintanilla as he was painting the Don Quixote murals. Quintanilla used him as a model for the *Ideal World of Don Quixote* panel. After leaving UKC, Dr. Perrigo accepted a position at New Mexico Highlands University in Las Vegas, NM, where he taught until his retirement in 1971. Dr. Perrigo passed away in 1992.

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