Ivan Belknap, professor emeritus of sociology, died on February 18, 1984. He was 69.

Professor Belknap was born on September 26, 1914, in Chehalis, Washington. He earned bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees from The University of Texas at Austin in 1940, 1944, and 1950, respectively.

Dr. Belknap joined the faculty of the University in 1940. After serving as an intelligence officer during World War II, he returned to UT Austin, where he continued to teach until his retirement in 1974. Professor Belknap specialized in medical sociology and community organization and served as department chairman. He conducted two studies on the Texas state hospital system. He was a research consultant to the Texas State Board of Hospitals and Special Schools and to the Congressional Task Force Committee on Mental Illness and Health.

Professor Belknap carried out a five-year study on hospitals with the support of the U.S. Public Health Service. The project resulted in his book *The Community and Its Hospitals*. Professor Belknap also wrote *Human Problems of a State Mental Hospital*.

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