

# OLIVER SACKS, MD, FRCP, CBE

**Date of Birth** July 9, 1933, London, England

**Citizenship** British (Permanent resident of U.S.)

## Education and Post-Graduate Training

1954 Queen's College, Oxford, B.A., Physiology and Biology  
1955-1958 Middlesex Hospital (University College), London  
1958 M.A., B.M., B.Ch. (Oxford)  
1954-1955 Laboratory of Human Nutrition, Oxford University, Research Fellow  
1959 Middlesex Hospital, London, internships in medicine, and neurology  
1960 Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, house surgeon  
1961-1962 Mt. Zion Hospital, San Francisco, rotating internship  
1962-1965 University of California, Los Angeles, residency in neurology and neuropathology

## Appointments

1960-1961 Mt. Zion Hospital, San Francisco, Research Assistant, Parkinsonism Unit  
1965-1966 Albert Einstein Coll of Medicine, Bronx, NY, Fellow (neuropathology & neurochemistry)  
1966-1975 Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Instructor in Neurology  
1966-1968 Montefiore Hospital, Bronx, NY, Consulting Neurologist, Headache Unit  
1966-2007 Beth Abraham Hospital, Bronx, NY, Consulting Neurologist  
1966-1991 Bronx Psychiatric Center, Bronx, NY, Consulting Neurologist  
1972- Little Sisters of the Poor, NY, Consulting Neurologist  
1974-1976 Bronx Developmental Services, Consulting Neurologist  
1975-1978 Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Assistant Professor of Neurology  
1978-1985 Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Associate Professor of Neurology  
1985-2007 Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Clinical Professor of Neurology  
1992-2007 NYU School of Medicine, Adjunct Prof of Psychiatry (assigned to Neurology)  
1999-2007 NYU Comprehensive Epilepsy Center, Consulting Neurologist  
2007-2012 Columbia University Medical Center, Professor of Neurology and Psychiatry  
2007-2012 Columbia University Artist  
2012- Professor of Neurology, NYU School of Medicine  
2012- Visiting Professor, University of Warwick

## **Honorary Degrees**

1990	Georgetown University, Doctor of Humane Letters
1991	Tufts University, Doctor of Science
1991	College of Staten Island, CUNY, Doctor of Humane Letters
1991	New York Medical College, Doctor of Science
1992	Medical College of Pennsylvania, Doctor of Medical Science
1992	Bard College, Doctor of Science
2001	Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, Doctor of Laws
2003	Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm, Doctor of Medical Science
2005	Gallaudet University, Doctor of Laws
2005	University of Oxford, Doctor of Civil Law
2006	Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú
2008	Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Watson School of Biological Sciences, Doctor of Science
2014	University of Warwick, Doctor of Science

## **Honorary Fellowships / Memberships**

American Academy of Arts and Letters  
American Academy of Arts and Sciences  
American Neurological Association  
American Psychoanalytic Association  
Association of British Neurologists  
Jonathan Edwards College, Yale University  
New York Academy of Sciences  
New York Institute for the Humanities at NYU  
Queen's College, Oxford  
Royal College of Physicians  
University of California, Santa Cruz, Cowell College

## **Board Positions (partial listing)**

Institute for Music and Neurologic Function (hon. medical advisor)  
National Aphasia Association (hon. board member)  
Neurosciences Institute, San Diego  
New York Botanical Garden (Board of Managers and Botanical Science Committee)  
Tourette Syndrome Association New York City Chapter (hon. board member)  
Tourette Syndrome Association USA (hon. Chair, Research Program)

## **Selected Awards and Honors**

- 1970 Alpha Omega Alpha, Albert Einstein College of Medicine
- 1973 Book of the Year, The Observer, AWAKENINGS
- 1974 Hawthornden Prize for Imaginative Literature, AWAKENINGS
- 1988 American Psychiatric Association, Oskar Pfister Award
- 1989 American Academy & Institute of Arts and Letters, Harold D. Vursell Memorial Award
- 1989 Guggenheim Fellowship (for work on the neuro-anthropology of Tourette's Syndrome)
- 1991 The Scriptor Award, University of Southern California, AWAKENINGS
- 1991 Odd Fellows Social Concern Book Award, SEEING VOICES
- 1991 Prix Psyche'
- 1991 National Headache Foundation, Professional Support Award
- 1991 American Academy of Neurology, Presidential Citation
- 1991 American Neurological Association, Special Presidential Award
- 1991 The Royal National Institute for the Deaf, Communicator of the Year Award
- 1991 Assn of Neuroscience Depts & Programs, Award for Education in Neuroscience
- 1994 George S. Polk Award for Magazine Reporting, "An Anthropologist on Mars"
- 1994 National Association of Science Writers Award, "An Anthropologist on Mars"
- 1995 Esquire/Apple/Waterstone's Book of the Year, AN ANTHROPOLOGIST ON MARS
- 1996 Mainichi Publishing Culture Award, Tokyo, Best Natural Science Book, SEEING VOICES
- 2000 Cornell University, A.D. White Professor-at-Large
- 2001 New York Times Editors' Choice, UNCLE TUNGSTEN
- 2002 Lewis Thomas Prize for the Scientist as Poet, Rockefeller University
- 2002 Alfred P. Sloan Foundation fellowship (Music and the Brain)
- 2002 Jewish Quarterly Wingate Prize, UNCLE TUNGSTEN
- 2004 National Science Foundation Public Communication Award
- 2004 Tanner Lecturer in Human Values, Yale University
- 2004 Coalition of Voluntary Mental Health Associations, Mental Health Award
- 2004 E.A. Wood Scientific Writing Award, American Crystallographic Association
- 2004 New York City Mayor's Award for Excellence in Science and Technology
- 2004 Literature Award of the German Chemical Industry Fund, UNCLE TUNGSTEN
- 2008 Commander of the British Empire awarded on the occasion of  
H.M. Queen Elizabeth II's Birthday Honours List, for services to medicine
- 2008 Asteroid (84928), discovered by Ed Beshore, Catalina Sky Survey, is designated Oliversacks in  
honor of Sacks's work, approved by the Intl Astronomical Union
- 2008 ASCAP Deems Taylor Award, MUSICOPHILIA
- 2011 Gold Medal of the New York Botanical Garden