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An excellent resource for graduate students and researchers. --**Doody's Review Service**

It is easy to recommend this book without reservation. For longitudinal methodologists, *Longitudinal Data Analysis Using Structural Equation Models* is the new standard for the field. --**PsycCRITIQUES**

### **About the Author**

John J. (Jack) McArdle, PhD, is senior professor of psychology at the University of Southern California (USC), where he heads the Quantitative Methods Area and has been chair of the USC Research Committee. He received a BA from Franklin & Marshall College (1973; Lancaster, PA) and both an MA and the PhD from Hofstra University (1975, 1977; Hempstead, NY). He now teaches classes in psychometrics, multivariate analysis, longitudinal data analysis, exploratory data mining, and structural equation modeling at USC. His research was initially focused on traditional repeated measures analyses and moved toward age-sensitive methods for psychological and educational measurement and longitudinal data analysis, including publications in factor analysis, growth curve analysis, and dynamic modeling of abilities. Dr. McArdle served as president of the Society of Multivariate Experimental Research and the Federation of Behavioral, Cognitive, and Social Sciences. A few other honors include the 1987 R. B. Cattell Award for Distinguished Multivariate Research from SMEP. Dr. McArdle was recently awarded an National Institutes of Health-MERIT grant from the National Institute on Aging for his work, Longitudinal and Adaptive Testing of Adult Cognition, where he is working on new adaptive tests procedures to measure higher order cognition as a part of large-scale surveys (e.g. the Human Resources Services). Working with the American Psychological Association, he has created and led the Advanced Training Institute on Longitudinal Structural Equation Modeling, which is the subject of this book, and he also teaches a newer one, Exploratory Data Mining.

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