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In the 1940s Barker and his associate Herbert Wright from the University of Kansas in Lawrence set up the Midwest Psychological Field Station in the nearby town of Oskaloosa, Kansas. Based on this data from this lab, Barker first developed the concept of the behavior setting to help explain the interplay between the individual and the immediate environment.

Check out the e-book “The Outsider: The Life and Times of Roger Barker” by Ariel Sabar (2014) for an illuminating view of Dr. Barker’s extraordinary life!

Dr. Roger Barker joined our faculty in 1947, and remained with us until his retirement in 1971.