The honorary degree of Doctor of Science in Engineering was conferred upon Wilbur Norman Christiansen, a pioneer in radio-astronomy, by the Chancellor Sir Hermann Black at the conferring of degrees ceremony in the Great Hall on 29 March 1980.

Professor Christiansen, who retired from the Chair of Electrical Engineering at this University in 1978, received the degree in recognition of his many contributions to science and to international understanding.

Wilbur Norman Christiansen and the Chancellor Sir Hermann Black, photo, The University of Sydney News, 15 April 1980, University Archives.