

The Milton H. Steinmueller Fellowship in Natural Resources and Environmental Policy



ABOUT THE FELLOWSHIP

The Milton H. Steinmueller Fellowship was established with gifts from alumni, colleagues, and friends wishing to honor the career of Dr. Milton Steinmueller, who served for over 30 years as Professor in the Department of Resource Development (now reorganized within the Department of Community Sustainability). The long-term goals of this fellowship are two-fold:

First, it intends to create a living memorial in honor of Professor Steinmueller, who devoted his career to being a caring teacher of undergraduate and graduate students. Second, the fellowship aims to recruit and retain highly qualified graduate students to the Department who intend to emulate the career of Professor Steinmueller.

ABOUT MILTON H. STEINMUELLER

Born in Vancouver, Washington on June 26, 1924, Milton H. Steinmueller grew up on a small dairy farm and decided to pursue an education in agriculture. Professor Steinmueller earned an Associate's degree from Clark College, and Bachelor's and Master's degrees in agricultural economics from Washington State University. In 1954, he came to Michigan State University, where he intended to secure a doctorate in agricultural economics. The influence of two professors, Dr. Raleigh Barlowe and Dr. Lawrence Witt, sparked an interest in natural resource economics and, before long, Dr. Steinmueller had dedicated his future to the study of resource development.

In 1960, Dr. Steinmueller taught his first course at MSU, *Conservation of Natural Resources*, a course he directed more than 100 times before retiring in 1990. His lifelong influence on students was felt in other courses he taught, including several junior and senior seminars in resource development policy, natural resource economics, energy and mineral policy, and international development.

His students have gone on to become leaders in teaching, research, and outreach in colleges and universities; in state and federal agencies concerned with environment and natural resource management and policies; and in private and non-profit organizations and agencies throughout the country. Active in retirement Dr. Steinmueller continues to provide counsel and friendship to dozens of former students and colleagues with whom he corresponds regularly.

ELIGIBILITY

Each year at least one Steinmueller Fellowship will be awarded, provided that qualified candidates have applied. Candidates for this award must plan to pursue an academic teaching career in the field of natural resources and environmental policy upon finished their studies in the Department of Community Sustainability.

Eligible applicants include currently enrolled CSUS PhD students (and, if applications are received and processed early enough, new applicants to the CSUS PhD programs).

Criteria to be considered in the selection process for the Steinmueller Award include:

- an excellent record of past academic performance and promise of continued academic excellence in graduate studies
- personal attributes that reflect the qualities embodied by Dr. Steinmueller during his teaching career at MSU, such as: a great intellectual curiosity; a dedication to teaching undergraduate and graduate students; the potential to perform effective and caring student advising; the ability to teach effectively; the ability to be open and caring in the treatment of students, staff, and colleagues; and an eagerness to share his/her knowledge with others.

All students are encouraged to apply, but preference will be given to those who have not been previously awarded this endowed scholarship.