



Herbert Barringer Memorial Scholarship

Dr. Herb Barringer was born in Billings, MT. At San Diego State College, he earned a BA with high honors and distinction in Sociology in 1959, and completed an MA at Northwestern University with a Comparative Politics Fellowship in 1961. He earned a PhD in Sociology in 1964. In his graduate work, he received University Fellowship and Comparative Politics Fellowship support at Northwestern University.

Over 40 years, Barringer contributed to the education of more than 3,000 undergraduates at Hawai'i in his courses in the Sociology of Deviance and Social Control, Racial and Ethnic Relations, Racism and Ethnicity in Hawai'i, Principles of Sociological Inquiry, and Social Statistics. Student evaluations were positive and students were challenged to do their best in these classes. Where students needed timely counsel in and out of the classroom, they received it in ways suited their level and backgrounds. In the required Sociological Inquiry and Statistics courses, the brightest and the best were most affirmative. As an informed advisor of students in the Arts and Sciences Liberal Studies Program, he fostered work in and around the colleges and schools in interdisciplinary work and experiences not afforded by narrower coverage within disciplines.

Barringer also demanded work of the highest order in graduate studies. Through sponsorship and mentorship of the highest order, he pressed for the best in scholarly endeavors in required methodology, theoretical perspectives, and structural analyses in race relations and race and cultural contacts in Hawai'i. He pressed for substantive grounding in the social demography and policy research in Asian societies and in the flow of populations from Asia, the Pacific, and American and European settings in around Hawai'i. He fostered the development of careers in the discipline and social sciences on Asian-American health and mental health status, risks, and prevention-amelioration, in survey and policy research, and in law-related fields with impact on political developments. Barringer was an outstanding academic citizen who served the department and university well in the standing and ad-hoc departmental, college, and campus-wide program and personnel review committees. In the public sociology domain, well-grounded in both field work and statistical analyses, his disciplined knowledge enabled Barringer to speak openly and directly on the sources and consequences of racial, ethnic, and socio-economic conditions and events. Within the University itself and in the larger community, he challenged those who were privileged and powerful to reduce overt and subtle discriminatory conduct and practices which lead to continuing disparities and at-risk outcomes involving the indigenous Native Hawaiians in Hawai'i and in the United States as a whole.

In remembrance of Dr. Herbert Barringer, a Memorial Scholarship has been established with the University of Hawaii Foundation. Contributions to that scholarship can be directed to the Herbert Barringer Memorial Scholarship on the attached form.