

Dr. Paul Parker Establishes the Paul & Gertrude Parker Endowed Scholarship



Paul and Gertrude Parker

To encourage
excellence in
undergraduate
physics
education

Dr. Paul Parker began his career with MSU in 1958, in the Department of Physics. In 1967, he was recruited by Dean Frederic Dutton to join the faculty of Lyman Briggs College. In 1972, Dr. Parker was honored with the Distinguished Faculty Award. During his 13-year assignment to Lyman Briggs College, Dr. Parker maintained a joint appointment with the Department of Physics. He retired in 1993 and lives in the East Lansing Area.

Dr. Parker designed the original physics curriculum that was started one year after the foundation of the College. The coordination of these subjects created an opportunity for Briggs students to be introduced to topics not usually treated in freshman chemistry or physics. Dr. Parker remembers the first few years when, "The large lecture amphitheater was not yet installed and in its location the lectures were given with students witting in movable chairs...some preferred to stand or sit on the floor." He especially remembers affectionately the undergraduate teaching assistants. "We asked them to be well prepared, to admit if they were stumped or confused...the great majority of assistants approached their assignments competently and conscientiously."

Paul and Gertrude Parker met as children in Vienna, Austria. Dr. Parker came to America in 1947, and married Gertrude in 1958. Gertrude had already completed 3 years of medical studies in Vienna, but once in America she chose to support Paul, their daughter Claudia, and care for the household. Gertrude died in 2006 and is remembered by her husband affectionately for a lifetime of friendship, support and love.

Dr. Parker gift of an endowed scholarship was motivated by his desire to honor his wife, and to continue to encourage and reward Briggs students who have been academically successful in the required undergraduate physics classes. The income from this endowment will fund a perpetual scholarship that will be an enduring legacy to both Dr. Paul Parker and Gertrude Parker.

For information about creating your own named endowed scholarship contact Dan McKean, Director of Development & Alumni Relations at (517) 353-4869, or E-mail: mckean@msu.edu.

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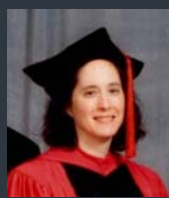


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From Dean Simmons



It is certainly gratifying to see that *U.S. News & World Report-Best Colleges 2009* has again recognized

Lyman Briggs College as a residential college program considered a national leader in undergraduate education. But of far greater meaning to me are the stories of individual students' success that we hear about every day. Students tell me that the Briggs difference gave them the advantage over their peers. I always remember that this is about providing students with excellence in education that will connect them to success.

The return of college status brought a fresh commitment from MSU and all of us at Briggs to continue the tradition that began in 1967. We benefit from the contributions of the generations that came before us, and stand ready to do our part in facing the challenges and opportunities before us.

I ask you to please join us by making a gift to Briggs. The stories in this issue will help you to see the variety of ways of giving and the areas of giving.

Our present priority are:

- Student Scholarships—through the Frederic Dutton Endowed Scholarship
- The biology lab naming for Dr. Howard Hagerman and Dr. Mimi Sayed, which also supports the Lab Renovation Fund



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Student Scholarships - Critical to Briggs' Success: Announcing The Dr. Frederic B. Dutton Endowed Scholarship

Lyman Briggs College is proud to announce the creation of the **Dr. Frederic B. Dutton Endowed Scholarship**. Addressing the critical need for



Frederic B. Dutton
Dean 1967 to 1973

scholarships available to Briggs students, this fund opens an opportunity for donors at any giving level. It honors the spirit of Dr. Dutton, who chaired the planning committee for Briggs and served as its first Dean. Dr. Dutton envisioned an undergraduate program for the study of science, mathematics and the History, Philosophy and Sociology of Science, that exists in a living/learning community setting.

Dr. Glen Elliott, Ph.D. ('71, Chemistry), has agreed to serve as the Honorary Chair for this appeal. Glen was the first student to receive the Dutton Award. In offering his support, Glen said, "I believe that those of us who benefited from Briggs over the years should help to ensure that future generations of Briggs students can too. Dean Dutton made it clear to me, in significant part by his agreeing to take on the burden of leading Briggs, that if we can help, we should."

This scholarship fund has an endowment goal of \$100,000. The income from this endowment funds a perpetual scholarship award of \$5,000 per year (depending on rate of return). Scholarship awards will begin when the endowment reaches a minimum funding of \$30,000 and will increase as the endowment becomes fully funded. The return

of college status created a challenge for Briggs—whose students lost access to many scholarships offered through the College of Natural Science, and a corresponding opportunity for Briggsies to do "Something BIG for Briggs" by supporting the **Dr. Frederic B. Dutton Endowed Scholarship**. Scholarships are important to students and critical to Lyman Briggs College's ability to recruit, retain and reward students.

While gifts of any size are appreciated, gifts of \$2,500, or more, will be recognized on a donor plaque placed in the College. Donors will also receive yearly correspondence from recipients.

The Dutton Scholarship will be awarded annually to one or more recipients. The amount of the award will be determined by the Dean of Lyman Briggs and based on the amount of distributable income available. Recipients will be selected according to the following criteria:

- Academically talented students with preference given to incoming freshmen
- Enrolled in Lyman Briggs College
- Financial need may be considered
- Awards may reflect the recruiting needs of the College
- Scholarships may be renewable as determined by the College

A complete copy of the Scholarship agreement and MSU's endowment policies is available upon request, or can be viewed on line at: www.lymanbriggs.msu.edu, and following the "Giving To Briggs" link.



Endowments—Leaving a Legacy

The Dosser Family/Lyman Briggs Scholarship

Imagine making a gift that leaves a legacy to Lyman Briggs College for generations to come.

This lasting impact can easily be made through the establishment of an endowment. Endowed funds differ from others in that the total amount of the gift is invested. Each year, only a portion of the invested income earned is spent while the remainder adds to principal growth.

One of the advantages of creating an endowment is the freedom to choose how your investment will support Lyman Briggs.

Endowments are an excellent way to honor someone special or permanently memorialize a loved one.

For more information go to: www.givingto.msu.edu

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Sandy Conner was a familiar and friendly face to for Briggs students from its beginning in 1967, until she retired in 1999.

Sandy Dosser Conner joined the MSU staff in 1963. When Lyman Briggs College was established in 1967, she was invited by then Dean Frederic Dutton to be a part of the staff. She remained at Briggs for many years working as an administrator and advisor before retiring in 1999.

She headed the recruitment program which she founded in 1977. She received many recognitions and awards for her service to MSU/Briggs, including the Jack Breslin Distinguished Staff Award in 1998. Her greatest reward, however, was the admiration of generations of Briggs students.

Sandy always offered personal care and attention to Briggs students. Many alumni remember her because she made a difference in their Briggs experience.

In 1991, because of the success of the Lyman Briggs College program and her belief in the importance of education that was instilled in her by her parents, in 1991, Sandy established an endowment in honor of her parents, Robert and Irene Schlicht Dosser. Funded through a planned, or future gift, the Dosser Family Scholarship will one day become a perpetual source of scholarship awards for Briggs students.

Sandy's father, Robert Dosser, came from Akron, Michigan, where he graduated as valedictorian of his high school class in 1926. He entered Michigan State University that fall to pursue a bachelors degree in chemistry. Because of lack of finances, he had to drop out of school during the 1928-29 academic year, but he returned in the fall of 1929 and completed his degree in 1931. He then enrolled at Rice University, where he hoped to complete a Master's and then a Doctorate in Chemistry. But, in 1933, having completed his Master's and ready to begin his Ph.D., he again

found himself without funds and had to leave school. Fortunately, in spite of the Depression, he found a position with the Dow Chemical Company in August, 1933. He remained with Dow for 39 years, retiring in 1972. During these 39 years he devoted himself to research and a commitment to excellence.

Irene Schlicht Dosser graduated from Vassar High School in Vassar, Michigan and joined the Dow Chemical Company in 1928 after completing a six-month business program. She worked in the Patent Department of Dow for Mr. T.G. Griswold, who was the second person to be hired by Herbert Dow when the company was founded. In a preface statement about Mr. Griswold in his autobiography, the writer refers to him as Mr. Dow's "right arm," who helped the tiny 1897 company become a worldwide chemical plant. Mr. Griswold had high expectations of his employees, and Irene Schlicht Dosser, due to her love of hard work and appreciation of excellence, received his highest praise. She learned at an incredibly rapid rate and

developed a keen business sense, a fact she frequently kept hidden. Mr. Griswold taught her about investments and money management, making her much more knowledgeable in these areas than many women in that era. It was she who bought the initial shares of Dow stock, which will fund this scholarship. She did this earning just \$75 a month; she lived frugally and made monthly payments on the stock.



Sandy and Andrew Conner live in the East Lansing Area where they continue to support MSU and Lyman Briggs.

Throughout his life, Robert Dosser stressed education—for both men and women. It was always his desire that other students have the freedom to devote themselves

wholeheartedly to their studies without fear that lack of funds would force them to interrupt or defer their education. Through this Endowment, Sandy is able to fulfill her father's desire so that talented and motivated students can take full advantage of the opportunities Lyman Briggs School and Michigan State University offer.

Through this scholarship Sandy, and her brother Larry R. Dosser, honor the commitment and sacrifices that their parents made towards their education.

Planned Giving

The Carl & Frances B. Schroth Lecture Series

What would you like to accomplish with your money that would be meaningful to you?

This is the question that a donor often has on their mind when considering a charitable gift. Answering this question often leads to a reflection on:

- Who will my gift honor/give memory to?
- How can I structure my gift to make the maximum impact?
- How can I maximize tax benefit?
- How can I make a difference in someone else's life because someone has made a difference in my life?



Carla, Mary and Patricia Schroth

The answers to these questions led LBC alumna Mary Schroth ('81, Microbiology), to establish an endowed fund in honor of her parents Carl & Frances Schroth. Recently, her sister Patricia ('77, MSU, Communications), joined her in pledging an additional gift. Funded through "future," or planned gifts, the endowment will support a series of lectures in LBC and will extend invitations to all students in the Honors College.

Carl Schroth was a graduate of Charlotte High School and attended Michigan Agricultural College in the mid-Michigan area before retiring in 1965. He was born on May 5, 1902 in Schoolcraft Michigan, and died in 1979. Frances Schroth was born July 4, 1918 and was a graduate of St. Philip High

School in Battle Creek. She was a registered nurse and homemaker. She died on April 9, 1992.

The couple's three daughters all attended Michigan State University. Patricia earned a bachelor's degree in Journalism in 1977, and is copy editor at the Detroit Free Press. Carla

completed her degree in 1978 at St. Mary's School of Nursing in Grand Rapids and works at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing. Mary attended MSU's Lyman Briggs College and earned bachelor's degrees in Mathematics and Microbiology in 1981. She received her master's degree in Applied Mathematics in 1985. During her career, Mary has taught at Olivet College where she was Chair of the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, and at the Battle Creek Area Mathematics and Science Center, where she currently works as a mathematics specialist. She recommends Lyman Briggs College to many of her students.

The Schroth sisters honor their parents for stressing the importance of education and the sacrifices they made in raising them. In addition to her love for Lyman Briggs, Mary appreciates the opportunities she received through the Honors College and her graduate work in mathematics.

These gifts to this fund in honor of Carl & Frances Schroth will be a perpetual benefit for future Briggs and Honors College students.

Planned Giving: Discovering the Benefits of Giving Wisely

Planned giving can be a "win-win" option for you, your heirs and Lyman Briggs College. Through the creative process of having charitable giving strategies incorporated within your comprehensive estate plans, you can fulfill philanthropic goals, reduce income taxes, avoid capital gains and estate taxes, retain a life income, increase spendable income, and/or reduce the costs of estate settlement, all while enjoying the satisfaction of providing significant future financial support for MSU designated precisely per your wishes.

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