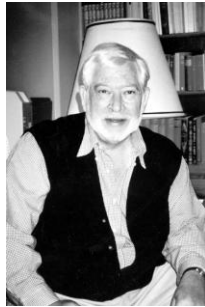


Robert Barrett Graduate Fellowship



Robert (Bob) Barrett
1938-1998

Robert Barrett was born on December 4, 1938 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He attended Hamline University, and received his master's and doctorate degree at American University in Washington, D.C. He came to MSU in 1963.

Robert (Bob) Barrett initiated the Urban Studies graduate program in 1965 and taught in the program until his death in October 1998. Bob was much admired by faculty and graduates alike. Robert enjoyed spending free time at his cabin on Duck Lake. Each year he would recruit students to help put out his dock; he paid them with home cooked chili. He treated all students as colleagues and helped them with their problems even if he wasn't their advisor. At his memorial service a student recalled fondly that "I came into the program as a rock, and through Dr. Bob's encouragement, mentoring and support, I left a diamond." Many students echoed similar sentiments.

Colleagues remembered Bob for his dedication to the interdisciplinary nature of Urban Studies and his support to various programs around campus.

Barrett's wife, Mary, along with some of their friends, established the endowment in his memory to assist graduate students intending to pursue a career in urban management.

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