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The American Geographical Society Receives Gift to Support Graduate Student Research

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[New York City, NY] – [December 17, 2020] — The American Geographical Society (AGS) announces the receipt of a gift from the estate of Dr. Marshall E. Bowen, to advance the Society’s Council Fellowship Initiative. The gift, made in memory of Dr. Bowen, an emeritus professor in the Department of Geography at the University of Mary Washington, will support graduate students in pursuit of geographic research. The gift, which will be awarded immediately, will fund the Council Fellowship Initiative for the next 3 years.

Dr. Bowen, a long-time member of AGS, received an undergraduate degree from Plymouth Teachers College (NH), a masters from Kent State University (OH), and his doctorate from Boston University. He joined the faculty at the University of Mary Washington in 1965 and taught thousands of students over 36 years, before retiring in 2001. His expertise was in the research of vacant lands in the American west, most notably Elko County, Nevada, and Park Valley, Utah, for which he had written over 40 articles and a book. In 1987, he received the Grellet C. Simpson Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, followed by the Mortar Board Outstanding Professor Award in 1991. Also, in 1999, the Pioneer America Society presented him with the Henry H. Douglas Award for outstanding achievement in research, teaching, and service.

“Marshall thought highly of AGS and I am pleased that his bequest will support their efforts to assist the next generation of geographers,” said Dr. Dawn Bowen, wife of Dr. Marshall Bowen and Professor of Geography at the University of Mary Washington.

Ms. Mary Lynne Bird, Executive Director Emerita of AGS said of the gift, “I am delighted and thankful that our friend, Marshall Bowen, valued the work of the American Geographical Society. His gift will be a wonderful way to support AGS’ commitment to geographical and geospatial student research.”

The Council Fellowship was created in 2013 to support AGS student members in their pursuit of geographical knowledge, especially research that includes a field component. Each fellowship award is worth \$1,500 and four are awarded in the spring.

The American Geographical Society (AGS) is a 21st-century learning society dedicated to the advancement of geographic thinking, knowledge, and understanding across business, government, academe, social sectors, and most importantly with teachers and students. Established in 1851, AGS is the oldest professional geographical organization in the United States. It is recognized worldwide as a pioneer in geographical research and education for over 169 years. The mission of AGS is to advance and promote geography in business, government, science, and education. Our goal is to enhance the nation’s geographic literacy to engender sound public policy, national security, and human well-being worldwide. AGS seeks to engage the American public, from its youngest to its oldest citizens, with new and amazing ways to understand and characterize our changing world. The Society maintains its headquarters in New York City.



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