



## **Carolina Population Center**

In 1966, the Carolina Population Center was founded at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. To celebrate its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2006, a project was conducted to document the history of the Center. This transcript is an excerpt from an oral history interview.

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*Dick Udry was CPC Demographic Research Unit Director from 1973 – 1977, CPC Director from 1977 – 1992, and has been a CPC Fellow since 1992.*

DU: And when I was asked to be the director of the Center, I said, “If you want a Center like you’ve had,” which is mainly training, development, family planning, population policy, and so on, “I don’t know how to direct such a center. And so I wouldn’t know how to build one. And so if that’s what you want me to do, I won’t take the directorship.” And the University representatives said that they, that wasn’t what they wanted. They wanted a research center.