



## **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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*Ronald R. Rindfuss was CPC Director from 1992 – 1997, and has been a CPC Fellow since 1977.*

RR: Clearly one key set of decisions happened in the late '70s under Dick Udry's leadership. And the set of decisions revolved around deciding to move away from an AID, technical assistance kind of model and move towards a basic research model, with most of the funding coming from agencies like National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation, and working more in partnership with the various departments, rather than more of a stand-alone kind of center. Can I date that? I mean, it was happening, I think Dick became Center director in '77? And it happened over the first two or three years when he was Center director. And it just, you know, fundamentally shifted the nature of what we do.