



Carolina Population Center

In 1966, the Carolina Population Center was founded at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. To celebrate its 40th 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.

GC: Now when you went into the directorship, I understand that you restructured how things work and made a lot of changes.

DU: I made the Center - I restructured it the way it is now. Which worries me some.

GC: Could you outline that restructuring for me?

DU: Well, the first thing: the idea of the Center up to that point had been that the Center was supposed to be an association of departments, and that the departments had some individual stake in the Center. And they resented the fact that they didn't have any voice in operating the Center, on account of that. So I restructured the Center by saying that the faculty members who were interested in research were to be the institution of the Population Center.