



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: What other sorts of changes happened while you were Director?

DU: Well, once that - we organized the Center to incorporate all of the elements that I've described to you. And then we established the rules of electing new fellows, and we established the training program directorship, and the way of organizing the curriculum, and the way you got new courses into the curriculum, and got rid of old courses. All those things became established. And we organized a post-doc program with some training grants from NIH and from other foundations. And after we all agreed on those, the Center ran itself, practically. One guy said, "The way you've organized the Center, you won't have anything to do!" And I said, "That's a good plan!"