

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
College of Health and Urban Affairs

DR. ROBERT R. STEMPEL
SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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DEDICATION CEREMONY



Mission:

To enhance the public's health by conducting innovative research, training future leaders and health professionals from diverse backgrounds, translating research into policy and practice, and serving our local communities and the communities of the nation and the world.

Program

Welcome Remarks

Ronald Berkman, Dean, College of Health and Urban Affairs, FIU

Remarks

Modesto A. Maidique, President, FIU

Dedication

Ronald Berkman, Dean

Lecture - "Epidemiology, FIU, and the

Dr. Robert R. Stempel School of Public Health"

*William Darrow, Former Chief of the Centers for Disease
Control Behavioral and Prevention Research Branch and
Professor, Public Health, FIU*

Question and Answer Session

Reception

Acknowledgment

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and commitment of
Mr. Ernest E. Stempel and
The Starr Foundation for their endowment gifts.



ROBERT R. STEMPEL received his B.A. in Psychology from New York University in 1969, his M.P.H. from the University of Hawaii in 1983, and his Dr.P.H. from the University of California in Berkley in 1989. He joined the faculty in the Department of Public Health at FIU as an Assistant Professor in 1991, and was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure in 1995.

Professor Stempel was responsible for developing most of the courses in our Master of Public Health epidemiology track. Drawing from his experience as a Peace Corps volunteer with the Tuberculosis Program in the Federation of Malaysia (1967-1969), as a Foreign Service Reserve Officer evaluating USAID programs in Vietnam (1970 – 1971), and as a Disease Control Specialist in New York City and San Francisco (1972-1980), he was well known and respected for his graduate-level courses on AIDS Epidemiology, Behavioral Epidemiology, and International Public Health.

Professor Stempel was instrumental in developing the C. V. Starr Scholars Program, by which health care professionals from Caribbean nations receive scholarships to come to FIU to earn Master of Public Health degrees and return to their native countries to improve those nations' public health capabilities. The C. V. Starr Scholars Program has been funded by endowment grants from The Starr Foundation.

Professor Stempel touched the lives of hundreds of students who took his Principles of Public Health Epidemiology courses. He greatly influenced those who concentrated in his area of specialization.