Former Dean of Social Work Makes Gift to Advance Research

Tony Tripodi, D.S.W., former dean and professor of Ohio State's College of Social Work, made a gift of $25,000 to the Tony Tripodi Endowed Research and Scholarship Award. The award, which supports an annual designation to a faculty member, provides ongoing research opportunities—Tripodi's top priority area for the college.

"I place a high value on research and, by offering this scholarship, I am able to help the faculty to continue their professional development and achieve their goals," he said.

Tripodi retired as dean in 2005. His vision for the College of Social Work spurred him to announce that the entire gift will be completed by the date of his retirement.

"I want to let the faculty know how important this research is in the long run for them, for the college, and for the university," Tripodi added. "I want to help the faculty to continue to improve and to assist them with important activities."

Tripodi earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in social work from the UC Berkeley, in 1954 and 1958, and his doctoral degree in social work from Columbia University in 1963. He has taught social work research and evaluation methods for more than 30 years at Columbia University, University of California at Berkeley, the University of Michigan, the University of Pittsburgh, Florida International University, and Ohio State. He co-edits the Journal of Social Work Research and Evaluation: An International Publication, has authored or co-authored 21 books, and is listed in Who is Who in America and the Dictionary of International Biography.