Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Geography and Urban Studies Harold M. Rose

Footprints in our Hearts and Community
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In life it is not what we take with us that counts, it is the solid footprints we leave behind in the hearts and landscape of individuals and the community. Dr. Harold M. Rose left many such prints. Here are a few:

“Harold taught me how to be a scholar. He taught me about the academy and how to find my place within it. Without his guidance and advice, I would not be the academic I am today. All credit goes to Harold.”
Paula D. McClain, PhD, Professor of Political Science and Public Policy
Duke University
“By his example, Dr. Rose taught me how to be an edgewalker – someone willing to think out of the box, take risks, build bridges and break new ground in this continuously shifting urban landscape.”

*Anna Maria Santiago, PhD (Student)*

"Harold Rose profoundly impacted UWM and Milwaukee in so many ways and especially during times of historical unrest in the city. His community engagement set the bar for what one scholar could accomplish with wisdom and humility. The critical thinking and life paths of thousands of UWM students, alumni and colleagues were inextricably shaped by Dr. Rose."

*Chancellor Mark Mone, UWM*

“Prof. Rose was Chair of the Geography Department when I was hired. His quiet intensity, generous spirit, exceptional integrity, and ability to stay positive in the face of adversity had an early and lasting influence on my understanding of effective academic leadership and scholarship.”

*Dist. Prof. Mark D. Schwartz*

*President, International Society of Biometeorology*
I was hired by Harold Rose when I applied to the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 1986. A year later, when I became chair of the Department of Afro-American Studies, he became a trusted mentor, "wet-behind-the ears" as I was then. His calm presence, his keen intellect, his personable mien I shall always remember. I miss him already!

Patrick Bellegarde-Smith, Ph.D.
Professor Emeritus of Africology

"Like so many role models, Dr. Rose never knew how many people were inspired by his work and character--through which he gave us a glimpse of our own possibilities."

Margaret Wilder, Ph.D. Executive Director, Urban Affairs Association

Dr. Rose was the most powerful teacher of my life; he lifted me up with his high expectations and his unfailing humor and kindness.

Mr. Harold was a true gentleman and a scholar who we enjoyed and looked forward to serving. Every day.

*Ann, Manager of Bakers Square in Shorewood*

Harold's sage advice allowed me to prevail and prosper in a hostile environment.

*R. L. McNeely, Ph.D., J.D. UWM*


*American Association of Geographers*
When I came to UWM over 20 years ago, I was introduced to Dr.
Rose and was told he was THE pioneer; the man to look up to. I
followed instructions.
*Jim Hill, Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs UWM*

I am because he was. *Pauli Taylorboyd – Geography and
Urban Studies Student of the 1970’s UWM*

“Dr. Rose was my lifeline as a graduate student in sociology
at Washington University, St. Louis, serving as a member of
my PhD committee and personal confidant.”
*Melvin L. Oliver
Former Graduate Student, Washington University, St. Louis, 1977*