

Herbert Garfinkel Endowment for Citizenship and Democracy

James Madison College at Michigan State University

Dr. Herbert Garfinkel was the founding Dean of James Madison College. The College is a living memorial to Dean Garfinkel. His vision, leadership, administrative skills and commitment to excellence were critical during the formative years of the College. Every student of James Madison College, past, present, and future, owes a debt of gratitude to his stewardship.

Citizenship and social justice were primary subjects of study during Dr. Garfinkel's academic career. They also reflected a personal commitment to his everyday life and relationships with friends, colleagues and the larger society. The purpose of this endowment is to promote, study and advance these values at James Madison College and the broader University community.

The Garfinkel Endowment will fund a variety of activities involving citizenship and democratic values. Each activity would advance and encourage academic pursuits related to these subjects. The College, through the discretion of the dean, would have the flexibility to respond to changing needs by redirecting the funds to areas of greatest need or opportunity within the subjects of citizenship and democracy.

To accomplish these goals the College has developed several examples of programs the Garfinkel Endowment could support:

1. The establishment of the Herbert Garfinkel Lecture on Citizenship and Democratic Values. Funds will be used to host a special lecture exploring citizenship, civil rights, or similar topics central to a successful democratic society. A visiting academic, author or social leader would conduct a lecture, attend classes and meet with students.
2. The Herbert Garfinkel Scholarship for Citizenship would reward students who exemplify strong citizenship and academic excellence during their study of public affairs at James Madison College.
3. The Herbert Garfinkel Research Grant in Citizenship and Democracy will provide funds to support individual faculty members or students as they pursue research opportunities and related activities. Students or faculty with research projects related to citizenship and democracy could apply for grants to conduct research, travel to conferences, present papers, acquire research materials, etc.

Please consider making your most generous gift to support the legacy of Dean Herbert Garfinkel at James Madison College. Contact the JMC Development Office with any questions and send your donations to the address below. Thank you in advance for your support and commitment.

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