



The Barry Beyerstein Memorial Fund

Department of Psychology

Dr. Barry Beyerstein was a scholar, an activist, and a devoted family man. A charter student at SFU, Barry enrolled at the Simon Fraser University because he was looking for something different. He earned his PhD at the University of California, Berkeley. In 1973 he then returned to the hill, building a career that capitalized on his passionate investigation of the psychology of anomalous experience while enhancing SFU’s reputation as a university with a difference. In 1976 Barry and his wife Suzi built a home in Port Moody where they raised their two children. Their daughter Lindsay, now a journalist in New York and their son Loren, is completing his honors degree in communications at SFU. Barry and Suzi were married for 37 years. As a parent, Barry instilled the values of compassion and commitment by example.

Barry was a dedicated teacher. He was internationally recognized and sought after by the media because of his wit, easy manner and unique understanding of the human brain and behavior—from the psychology of human error to his penchant for debunking scientifically questionable claims. Barry was also a tireless proponent of harm reduction in drug policy who helped found the Drug Policy Foundation and the Canadian Foundation for Drug Policy and championed Vancouver’s needle exchange program. Barry served as the Chair of the Sterling Prize for Controversy, a Fellow of CSICOP (now CSI). He also lead the BC Skeptics, an educational organization dedicated to improving scientific literacy and providing critiques of occult and pseudoscientific claims. Barry also served as the Associate Editor of the *Scientific Review of Alternative Medicine*.

To honour Barry’s giving spirit; the **Barry Beyerstein Memorial Fund** provides financial support for students in any faculty at Simon Fraser University.

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