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## Fred Lukermann

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Chaired by John S. Adams (Ph.D. 1966), Fred's first Ph.D. student

*Friday, April, 23rd*

**HANSON HALL** coffee at 3:15

**Rm. 1-106**

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PM**



**UMN DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY**



## **Ralph Hall Brown Day 2010**

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Fred was a Minneapolis native, born 9 December 1921. He graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1940 and entered the University of Minnesota the following fall. After WWII Army service in the Medical Corps, he returned to the University, earning his B.S. (1948), M.A. (1950), and eventually his Ph.D. (1997).

He joined the geography faculty in the early 1950s as an instructor and was an intellectual leader as the department steadily achieved national and international eminence. He nurtured a pervasive spirit of wide-ranging and creative intellectual inquiry within the department and became well known across the University and throughout the discipline.

Over the years Fred assumed several leadership and administrative roles at the University: chair of the Department of Geography (1964-66; 1977-78); associate dean for social sciences in the College of Liberal Arts (CLA) (1966-67); assistant vice president for academic administration (1967-73); and dean of CLA (1978-89). Fred was instrumental in establishing the University's Departments of African American & African Studies, American Indian Studies, Chicano Studies, the Urban Studies Program, the School of Public Affairs (later renamed the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs), and the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs. He retired in 1992.

Fred was adviser to 21 Ph.D. students, and dozens of master's students. Along with his inspired teaching, generous advising of graduate students and creative scholarly output, Fred pursued a life-long interest in proto-geography in Classical Greece, in the development of modern geographic thought and practice within the history of science, in the historical geography of North America, and in cultural pluralism.

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