

Charles C. Irby Distinguished Service Award



Dr. Charles C. Irby

The **Charles C. Irby Distinguished Award Service Award** is an Annual Award recognizing his memory each year to an individual who has achieved distinction in his or her own professional life and community, who has demonstrated commitment to the goals and ideals of NAES, and who has shown leadership qualities in the organization.

Charles C. Irby was a cultural geographer who was a pioneer in the development of Ethnic and Gender studies in this country. Irby earned his doctorate in Geography (1978) from Simon Fraser University, British Columbia. His master's degree in Geography (1968) is from the University of California, Davis. Irby served in the U.S. Air Force from 1957 until 1960. Irby was also a founding member of the *National Association for Interdisciplinary Ethnic Studies* (which later became the *National Association for Ethnic Studies*) and served as president of the association from 1976 to 1978. He dedicated his life to the field of Ethnic Studies as president and editor of NAES publications. He worked to ensure social justice and to eliminate racism, sexism, and classism. For more information about Charles C. Irby and his life, please see the [Irby Collection at the University of California, Santa Barbara](#).

Nomination and Submission Requirements

1. A letter of nomination from a NAES member detailing the nominee's service to the community; acquired distinction in their professional life; demonstrated commitment to the goals and mission of NAES; and strong leadership qualities;
2. Two letters of support, one from a member of NAES or Ethnic Studies program and one from a community representative that the nominee has served.
3. The nominee must be a member of the *National Association for Ethnic Studies* or affiliated with an Ethnic Studies program.
4. The Nomination letter and 2 letters of support must be received on or before **March 1, 2012**. Please send complete nomination materials to dariza@ethnicstudies.org

Award Details

- The **Charles C. Irby Distinguished Service Award** is presented at the *National Association for Ethnic Studies* Annual Conference.
- The *National Association for Ethnic Studies* Awards Committee reviews all applicants and selects the award recipient.

For more information, please contact:

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