

= Larry Geraty =

Lawrence " Larry " T. Geraty ( born 1940 ) is an American academic who served as the second President of La Sierra University in Riverside , California . He completed his undergraduate education at Pacific Union College , a liberal arts college in California 's Napa Valley , and received a doctorate in biblical studies from Harvard University . Geraty comes from a family of scholars , his father was also a professor who went on to lead a number of colleges .

In addition to leading La Sierra University Geraty has been President of other colleges , including the American Schools of Oriental Research , and worked as an archeologist and history professor . In 2007 he was recognized as " Citizen of the Year " by the local Chamber of Commerce in his adopted town of Riverside , California . He was also honored in a speech by Rep. Ken Calvert in the U.S. House of Representatives .

= = Family and early life = =

Geraty was born to missionary parents in 1940 . With his family he lived in China , Burma , Hong Kong , Lebanon , England , Germany , France and Israel . His family also lived in the United States in California , Maryland , Michigan and Massachusetts . He has a brother , Ronald Geraty , a graduate of Loma Linda University 's School of Medicine in 1971 , and a sister , Kathleen Geraty .

His father , T.S. Geraty , worked as an educator and missionary . As a youth Geraty learned from his father 's diverse roles as President of Middle East College , now Middle East University in Lebanon , as a missionary in China , a professor at Andrews University in Michigan , Associate Education Secretary for the General Conference and editor of the church 's education journal . His mother , Hazel Geraty , was an elementary school teacher who taught at J.N. Andrews . School in Maryland and Ruth Murdoch Elementary School in Michigan . Geraty attended San Pasqual Academy in the late 1950s , a now defunct Adventist High School in San Diego County , California .

= = Higher education = =

= = = Pacific Union College = = =

After completing high school Geraty went to Pacific Union College ( PUC ) for his undergraduate degree in theology , which he received in 1962 . During his college years he spent time at Newbold College , then known as Newbold Missionary College , in Binfield , Berkshire , England . During his senior year at PUC he was elected as the editor of the Campus Chronicle , the school newspaper , after running on a platform of " printing all that deserves to be printed " and making the paper " truly representative " of students at the school . He previously had editorial experience at the school newspapers of both San Pasqual Academy and Newbold College . During the summer of 1960 Geraty worked as a colporteur for the Potomac Conference of Seventh @-@ day Adventists .

= = = Andrews University Seminary = = =

In 1962 , while a senior theology student at Pacific Union College , Geraty accepted a ministerial internship with the Southeastern California Conference . The first part of the internship consisted of going to Andrews University for graduate school , after which he was to return to California to begin a field internship . In August 1963 Geraty graduated with a Masters of Arts in Religion and completed his Bachelor of Divinity in May 1965 , both at Andrews University .

= = = Harvard University = = =

In 1966 , while the Assistant Pastor of the Adventist Church in Santa Ana , California , Geraty was invited by Andrews University to join their Old Testament Department . Geraty , his wife , and infant

daughter Julie moved to Harvard University in July 1966 where he began work on his PhD under the tutelage of George Ernest Wright and Frank Moore Cross . In 1972 he completed his PhD in Syro @-@ Palestinian Archaeology with minor fields in Aramaic , Syriac , classical Hebrew , Northwest Semitic philology , and Old Testament history . During the summer of 1970 , while a graduate student at Harvard , Geraty studied at Hebrew University in Jordan on a Fulbright Scholarship .

= = Career = =

= = = Andrews University = = =

From 1966 to 1976 Geraty is listed as Licensed Minister at Andrews University . In 1971 he became part of the Old Testament faculty at the University 's Seminary , along with S. H. Horn , Gerhard Hasel , A. F. Johns , and Mrs. Leona G. Running . From 1977 Geraty is listed in the SDA Yearbook as an ordained minister ; he and his father are listed side by side in the 1977 yearbook , both as employees of Andrews University .

= = = Archaeologist = = =

As a field archaeologist Geraty started at Gezer with Darrell Lance as field supervisor . In 1968 he joined Siegfried Horn and Roger Boraas at Tel Hisban . Geraty served the first three seasons there as a field supervisor . In 1974 he took over as director of the Hisban Expedition , which culminated with a final season in 1976 . In 1982 Geraty began the Madaba Plains Project with Larry Herr and Øystein LaBianca .

In 1986 he was instrumental in forming the Archeological Consortium of Adventist Colleges when he led a tour of students from the member schools to the Madaba Plains Project dig , including the ' Umayri site . He led a similar 16 day tour in 1984 , in his capacity as Director of the Institute of Archaeology at Andrews University , which journeyed to Jordan , Israel , and Egypt .

He is a long @-@ time member of the American Schools of Oriental Research ( ASOR ) at Boston University . He became the organization 's vice @-@ president in 1982 and was selected as its President on November 16 , 2001 .

= = = Atlantic Union College = = =

Dr. Geraty was president of Atlantic Union College in South Lancaster , Massachusetts , from 1985 until 1993 . While in this capacity he earned a reputation as a progressive academic administrator .

= = = La Sierra University = = =

From 1993 to 2007 Geraty served as President of La Sierra University . He took over following La Sierra 's reformation as an independent institution , after it split from Loma Linda University , with his immediate role being to create an identity for the school . Geraty is credited with leading the school as it retired its debt and opened a new \$ 23 million science complex . He was noted for his leadership in supporting the ordination of women in the Adventist church , with a prominent advocate saying he was not " afraid to stand alone for truth " in that regard . Responding to President Geraty 's initiative La Sierra University 's Board of Trustees voted in November 1996 to establish the first Women 's Resource Center in the Seventh @-@ day Adventist Church . Geraty serves on the Center 's Board of Advisors to this day . On June 7 , 2007 , Geraty was honored as the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce 's Citizen of the Year at a celebration dinner .

= = = Awards = = =

1970 ? Fulbright Fellow .

2001 ? Awarded the P. E. MacAllister Field Award for his " outstanding career " as a builder of archaeologists and archaeological teams . It noted that he promoted cutting @-@ edge research among his students and colleagues and his work as a statesman in representing the interests of American Schools for Oriental Research archaeologists to the broader public .

2002 ? 2005 ? President of American Schools for Oriental Research ( ASOR ) . Responsible for oversight of relationships with the institutes in Jerusalem , Amman , and Nicosia , as well as contacts with other professional organizations concerned with archaeology in the Middle East . The award cited his direction of a major archaeological expedition in Jordan , his presidency of a university , his accomplishments as a scholar and leader , and the respect of his colleagues for his non @-@ controversial and diplomatic personality .

2007 ? Greater Riverside Chamber of Commerce 's Citizen of the Year .

2007 ? Honored in speech on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives by Rep. Ken Calvert .

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