

# THE ELEANOR SINGER JUNIOR FACULTY FELLOWSHIP

A scholarly pioneer, a gifted writer and editor, a valued collaborator, a beloved mentor... from every perspective, Eleanor Singer's life was one of extraordinary achievement.

A self-proclaimed "social psychologist at heart," Eleanor was a prolific researcher throughout a career that spanned nearly half a century. For almost three decades, Eleanor held a series of appointments at Columbia University, primarily in the Center for Social Studies. While there, she became involved with a landmark survey about the social functioning of Parkinson's disease patients treated with levodopa. Concerns about new federal regulations inspired Eleanor to propose a pathbreaking study, which—taken together with her follow-up studies—established her as the preeminent survey expert on confidentiality and informed consent.

In 1994, Eleanor accepted a position at the University of Michigan's Institute for Social Research (ISR) in the Survey Research Center (SRC). There her collaborations on diverse projects and pioneering studies in survey methodology further cemented her reputation as an authority in the field. Despite the heavy demands of her schedule, Eleanor made ample time to mentor students and junior faculty—forming close friendships in the process. A testament to her keen collaborative acumen is evident in the more than 75 scholars who number among her co-authors in peer-reviewed publications.

Among her many accomplishments was a decade-long editorship of *Public Opinion Quarterly*. Her service to the American Association for Public Opinion Research (AAPOR) included a term as President (1987-88), conference chair, and standards chair, and two terms as counselor-at-large. In 1996, she received AAPOR's highest honor, the AAPOR Award for Exceptionally Distinguished Achievement.

Eleanor retired in 2006 but continued to conduct research. She published her last article in 2016—the same year she was honored with the American Statistical Association's Monroe G. Sirken Award in Interdisciplinary Survey Methods Research. She donated her award to SRC to be used for supporting junior faculty. Given Eleanor's passion towards mentoring, SRC and ISR have created the Eleanor Singer Junior Faculty Fellowship.



*Eleanor Singer  
(1930–2017)*



## SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF JUNIOR FACULTY AS "OUTSTANDING RESEARCHERS"

ISR's Survey Research Center is establishing the Singer Junior Faculty Fellowship to honor Eleanor's remarkable career and her dedicated mentorship of students and junior faculty. This Fellowship will support and recognize junior faculty within SRC or enable the Center to bring outstanding junior faculty to SRC by providing grants to enable these Singer Fellows to become preeminent researchers.

Having benefited from so many giants in the field, the Center fully realizes the importance of promoting future excellence by providing support for the next generation of extramurally funded social science researchers. Therefore, grants from the endowment will be used to fund pilot studies, supplement already-funded studies, and provide support for preliminary investigations and analyses to strengthen a new proposal or one that has already been scored but not funded.

## A 1:1 MATCH FOR EVERY GIFT

The goal for the Singer Junior Faculty Fellowship is a \$300,000 endowment. Each year, this amount will generate over \$13,000 in awards for promising junior faculty within SRC or faculty from outside institutions who wish to spend time at SRC.

As part of the Center's commitment to creating a memorial legacy for Eleanor Singer by supporting tomorrow's leaders in social science research, SRC will match every contribution to the Fellowship on a one-to-one basis.

Please consider making a gift to the fund. By doing so, you will help build an enduring, living tribute to Eleanor—a pioneer in the study of the ethical aspects of survey research, a superb writer, a gifted editor, a brilliant collaborator, and a dedicated mentor to young scholars.

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