

## **The Frederick T. Rhodewalt Award for Innovative Scholarship**

Fred Rhodewalt came to the Department of Psychology in 1979 as a visiting professor. His colleagues quickly found him indispensable, and fortunately he loved Utah and our department. Fred was a man of many talents. He was a creative thinker, a persuasive writer, and a nationally recognized scholar in the area of personality. He was an entertaining undergraduate teacher and an effective graduate supervisor, always emphasizing the importance of clear and well-reasoned critical analysis. He was a natural leader and a superb administrator, serving as Chair of the Department of Sociology and as Associate Dean of the Graduate School. In each of these various roles he helped shape the direction of his field and the culture of our department. In particular, we remember him for his incisive wit, and how he used his incomparable sense of humor to push colleagues and students alike out of their intellectual comfort zones and into new ways of thinking about issues. He modeled and encouraged critical thinking, creativity, and openness to new ideas.

In this spirit, The Frederick T. Rhodewalt Award of \$1000 will be given to a psychology graduate student to recognize and encourage creative, innovative or transformative research. **Students should submit a one-page abstract of their research project (proposed or completed), and a separate ½ page (1-2 paragraphs) that explicitly addresses how the research challenges conventional wisdom, leads to unexpected insights, enables new techniques or methodologies, or redefines the boundaries of the area.**

Graduate students at any level (including those going on internship or graduating this spring) are eligible, but must be in good standing in the department.

**Please send submissions to Nancy Seegmiller by Thursday April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 at 5pm.**