Dr. F. Stuart “Terry” Chapin III has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1973 to 1989 and 1996 to 2011.

He has inspired students through his commitment to academic excellence; and has mentored numerous graduate students, many of whom now hold prominent academic positions throughout the world; and led the development of a successful interdisciplinary graduate education program that integrates all relevant disciplines to address sustainability in a systems framework; and whose collegial and supportive manner has inspired the highest quality research among his peers and students.

He is one of the nation’s leading ecologists and the only Alaskan to hold an appointment to the National Academy of Sciences; and whose scientific contributions and leadership have shaped our fundamental understanding of ecological structures and functions; and whose published work has had such impact that it has been cited by other scientists many thousands of times.

Throughout his career he has served in leadership roles on numerous international, national, regional and University panels, committees, editorial boards and working groups, thereby influencing the course of policy in conservation, wildlife, resource and ecosystem management to effect wise stewardship of our natural environment.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. F. Stuart “Terry” Chapin III for his contributions to the State of Alaska and the University.