

IN MEMORY OF DR. SAMUEL GROVER RICH



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In 2005, Dr. Samuel Grover Rich established and generously funded the Hinckley Institute's Sam Rich Program in International Politics, which brings national and international elected officials and prominent academics to the University of Utah to speak on a broad variety of international topics. Towards the end of 2009, as one of his last wishes, Sam secured the future success of his program and his legacy for generations to come.

Dr. Rich dedicated much of his life to teaching at the University of Utah and was a loyal supporter of the University, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science in 1941. He joined the University of Utah faculty in 1949, and was a beloved professor and colleague in the Political Science Department. Dr. Rich taught foreign policy and international relations for 31 years before retiring in 1980, and founded the International Relations major and certificate programs.

He established the Sam Rich Scholars in Global Affairs program at the University of Utah in 2004, and the Sam Rich Program in International Politics in collaboration with the Hinckley Institute of Politics and KUED broadcasting. Dr. Rich gave generously to the Hinckley Institute, and has donated to support international internships, and speakers with experience in foreign policy.

The Sam Rich Program has already featured several prominent speakers, including Hinckley Fellows Dr. Dan Jones, Lt. General Brent Scowcroft, Ambassador Zhou Wenzhong, Ambassador Welile Nhlapo, Ambassador Antonio de Aguiar Patriota, Consul General Hesham Elnakib, Lee Hamilton, and Thomas Friedman.

"The creation of the Sam Rich Program in International Politics is largely aimed at bringing cooperation, more understanding, and more knowledge regarding the issues the U.S. faces in the conduct of its foreign affairs," Dr. Rich said before he passed away in December 2009.

In addition to his establishment of this program, Dr. Rich's example of public service in Washington, D.C., Utah, and around the world will forever be an example of the potential impact one individual can make to better his or her surroundings.