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The Alice S. and Peter H. Rossi Annual Lecture Series

Professor Emeritus Peter H. Rossi died last October 7, leaving a rich legacy to the UMass Amherst Sociology Department and to the social sciences in general. He and his wife, Alice S. Rossi, who survives him, were among the most lustrous couples in sociological and UMASS history. On the University of Massachusetts Amherst campus, both greatly elevated the department's profile and gave it an ascending momentum that continues today. Both were Chancellor's Distinguished Lecturers and received Conti Research Fellowships. Both were named Distinguished Professors—Pete became the Stuart A. Rice Professor and Alice, the Harriet Martineau Professor of Sociology. Nationally, both were elected president of the American Sociological Association, and both received the Association's highest award for distinguished scholarship. The burgeoning field of evaluation research now honors its annual exemplar with the Peter H. Rossi Award. Alice was recently celebrated as one of two surviving founders of the National Organization for Women.

The sociology faculty has unanimously and enthusiastically agreed on a more permanent celebration of a different sort. Beginning this fall, the department will sponsor and host the annual Alice S. and Peter H. Rossi Lecture Series with several key features. The series will alternate the honorees, focusing on Pete one year, Alice the next. The lecturers will be prominent academic and public figures drawn from across the country—and indeed the world. Each will be renowned for pursuing one or more of the honoree's interests. During a typical two-day visit, the Rossi lecturer will give a public all-campus lecture, as well as a department seminar on work in progress for faculty and graduate students, visit an undergraduate class, and be available for informal meetings and social gatherings.

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