



THE 2024
LEGACY AWARD

Presented to:
Dr. Nora Bynum

*Awarded October 25, 2024 in recognition of a
lifetime commitment to rainforest conservation.*

ABOUT **NORA**

Nora received her PhD from Yale University and conducted her PhD research in Sulawesi, Indonesia where she was a founding member of the Sulawesi Primate Project.

She has an impressive list of career accomplishments.

- **Following a teaching position at the University of the South, Nora was recruited to be the Academic Director for OTS where she worked from 1998 to 2002.**
- **In 2003 she began work at the American Museum of Natural History as Project Director for the Network of Conservation Educators and Practitioners (NCEP), and as the Associate Director for Capacity Development in the Center for Biodiversity and Conservation.**
- **In 2004-2005 Nora was a Fulbright lecturer at the Instituto de Ecología, A.C., in Xalapa, Mexico, where she taught courses on learner-centered methods of teaching conservation and on global change.**
- **Nora returned to Duke where she played a key role as Vice Provost for Duke Kunshan and China Affairs leading to the creation of Duke Kunshan University.**
- **She then went to Chicago where she was the Director of the Science Action Center at the Field Museum in Chicago, IL, where she oversaw rapid field assessments in Latin America, and multiple conservation projects in Chicago and its environs.**
- **In 2018 Nora returned to Durham to work for OTS until her retirement in July 2024 as Dean of Academic Programs.**
- **She was a long-time member of the Society of Conservation Biology and Chair of the Education Committee for the Board of Governors of the Society.**

ABOUT NORA

Nora has been a major driver of ACEER since the 1990's having served on the Board of Directors for over 20 years before stepping off in December 2023; served as Executive Director at a time when ACEER critically needed her leadership; and recently served as Director of Education, leading strategically important program assessments of ACEER's educational programs in Peru.

During her tenure she secured new board members, most notably Malcolm Gillis, Tome Lovejoy and Chris Davidson, and members of ACEER's Science and Education Advisory Committee which she also chaired for years. During her tenure she was successful in securing over \$100,000 in support, and catalyzed strategic partnerships, including a long standing collaboration with the Organization for Tropical Studies, with whom we collaborated for nearly a decade on graduate level training in rainforest conservation education.

She lives by the statement that there is no limit on how much you can do if you don't care who gets the credit.

THE ACEER *LEGACY AWARD*

The Amazon Center for Environmental Education (ACEER) Foundation accelerates Amazon Rainforest conservation by empowering people and communities.

The ACEER Legacy Award honors individuals and organizations who have made outstanding, lifetime contributions to conservation of the Amazon rainforest. The first ACEER Legacy Award was given to John Easterling and Olivia Newton-John Easterling in 2012. Since then six other individuals and two indigenous federations have received this distinguished award:

- **Dr. Christopher Davidson, Botanist**
- **Dr. James A. Duke, Ethnobotanist**
- **Dr. Thomas Lovejoy, Conservationist**
- **Antonio Montero Pisco, Amazonian shaman**
- **Dr. Antonio Brack Egg, Minister of Environment, Peru**
- **Gloria Ushigua, Indigenous Activist, Ecuador**
- **FENAMAD, Indigenous federation, Peru**
- **FECONAMAI, Indigenous federation, Peru**



DR. NORA BYNUM ***CONSERVATION EDUCATION FUND***

In Nora's honor, the Board of Directors has created the *Dr. Nora Bynum Conservation Education Fund*. Each year, to carry on Nora's legacy, a deserving graduate student will receive a stipend in support of their education and research for the conservation of the Amazon Rainforest.

Our fundraising goal for the Dr. Nora Bynum Conservation Education Fund is \$50,000. To make a contribution in Nora's honor, go to www.aceer.org/donate or mail a check made payable to ACEER to PO Box 235, Unionville, PA 19375.

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