

## **Vita**

### **Gilbert F. White**

Gustavson Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Geography  
University of Colorado

Born: November 26, 1911

Education: S.B., S.M., Ph. D., University of Chicago

### **Positions Held**

Geographer with the Mississippi Valley Committee, National Resources Committee, and National Resources Planning Board, 1934-1940

Member, Bureau of the Budget, Executive Office of the President, 1940-1942

Member, American Friends Service Committee, 1942-1946

President, Haverford College, 1946-1955

Professor of Geography, University of Chicago, 1956-1969

Visiting Professor, University of Oxford, 1962-1963

Professor of Geography and Director, Institute of Behavioral Science,  
University of Colorado, 1970-1978

Director, Natural Hazards Research Applications and Information Center,  
1976-1984

## **Other Professional Activities**

Member, Hoover Commission Task Force on Natural Resources, 1948

Vice-Chair, President's Water Resources Policy Commission, 1950

Member, UNESCO Advisory Committee on Arid Zone Research, 1953-1956

Chair, United Nations Panel on Integrated River Development, 1957-1958

President, Association of American Geographers, 1961-1962

Consultant, Lower Mekong Coordinating Committee, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, and Vietnam, 1961-1962, 1970

Chair, American Friends Service Committee, 1963-1969

Member, Special NSF Commission on Weather Modification, 1964-1965

Chair, Bureau of Budget Task Force on Federal Flood Policy, 1965-1966

Chair, Committee on Water, National Research Council, 1964-1968

Chair, Steering Committee for High School Geography Project, 1964-1970

Member, UNESCO Advisory Committee on Natural Resource Research, 1967-1971

Member, Advisory Committee on Environmental Science, National Science Foundation, 1968-1971

Scientific Advisor on Man-made Lakes to Administrator of United Nations Development Programme, 1966-1971

Chair, Commission on Man and Environment, International Geographical Union, 1969-1976

Member, Scientific Committee on Problems of the Environment, International Council of Scientific Unions, 1970- (President, 1976-1982)

Chair, Advisory Board, Energy Policy Project, 1972-1974

Chair, International Environmental Programs Committee, National Research Council, 1972-1976

Chair, Environmental Studies Board, National Research Council, 1975-1977

Member, Joint Consultative Committee, Egyptian Academy of Scientific Research and Technology-U.S. National Academy of Sciences, 1978-

Chair, Commission on Natural Resources, National Research Council, 1977-1980

Member, Technology Assessment Advisory Council, U.S. Congress, 1973-1975

Member, Earthquake Studies Advisory Panel, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1973-1976

Trustee, Resources for the Future, 1967-1979 (Chair, 1974-1979)

Consultant, Water Quality Studies on Nile–Lake Nasser, 1975-1979

Executive Editor, *Environment*, 1983-

## **Honors**

Distinguished Service Award, Association of American Geographers, 1955-1974

Quantrell Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, 1967

Daly Medal, American Geographical Society, 1971

Eben Award, American Water Resources Association, 1972

Thomas Jefferson Award, University of Colorado, 1973

Royal Geographical Society of London, Honorary Corresponding Member

Soviet Geographical Society, Honorary Member

National Academy of Sciences

American Academy of Arts and Sciences

Environmental Award, National Academy of Sciences, 1980

Gustavson Distinguished Professor Emeritus, University of Colorado,  
1980

Soviet Academy of Sciences, Foreign Member

University of Colorado Medal

University of Chicago Alumni Medal

Co-winner, Sasakawa International Environmental Prize, 1985

Co-winner, John Tyler Prize, 1987