



John David Maguire, President Emeritus, Claremont Graduate University

After 28 years as a university president, the final 17 years at Claremont University Consortium and the Graduate University (CGU), John David Maguire became president emeritus in mid-1998 and senior fellow in the Institute for Democratic Renewal in CGU's School of Politics and Economics. Also a senior consultant to Oakland-based Project Change, he is engaged fulltime in a range of racial and social justice activities and democratic community building projects. He serves on the boards of Union Theological Seminary, the NAACP Legal Defense & Education Fund, and is an emeritus founding trustee of the Tomás Rivera Policy Institute. He is senior consultant in poetry to the Idyllwild School of the Arts and a senior advisor to the new Claremont Museum of Art.

An internationally respected teacher-scholar, administrator and social justice activist, Maguire began his academic career in 1954 following his return as a Fulbright scholar from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. After graduating summa cum laude from the Yale Divinity School, he completed a Yale doctorate in theology and psychiatry and directed the International Student Center there. In 1956, he became a lifetime Kent Fellow.

Over the years, Dr. Maguire has written and spoken widely on the relation of moral philosophy and religious thought to contemporary society, on issues of human rights and social justice, on the arts and politics, and on issues confronting education at all levels. The author of more than 45 articles published in a wide variety of special and general interest publications, he has written or contributed substantially to numerous books and has written extensively about the college presidency, humanities and the arts, higher education and racial and social justice. In 2004 he and Mrs. Maguire were appointed Woodrow Wilson Foundation Visiting Fellows to colleges throughout the United States.

Dr. Maguire has also served in leadership positions in a number of regional, national and international commissions and associations. In 1968, he became a permanent trustee of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Social Change in Atlanta and was chairman of its Board of Directors during the Center's first year. From 1974-81, he served as board president of the Society of Values in Higher Education, a network of academicians and professionals who have special concern for the ethical dimensions of their work. After a number of years on the board, he served during 1984 as chair of the Association of American Colleges and Universities, the Washington, D. C. -based association of 800 leading institutions committed to liberal learning. He has also served as chair of the Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities (AICCU), the 70+ private, accredited institutions in the state. He was founder (and sometimes chair) of the Red-Ox Consortium, an association of 21 private and public colleges and universities in southern California as well.

The Fulbright Association awarded Dr. Maguire the Fulbright Lifetime achievement Medal at the Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium in Washington, D.C. in 2009.

Dr. Maguire and his wife - Lillian Louise (Billie), reside in Claremont. They have three adult daughters and four grandsons.