

Dorn Receives Creighton University College of Arts and Sciences Alumni Merit Award

Georgette Magassy Dorn, Ph.D., BA '59, received the Creighton College of Arts and Sciences Alumni Merit Award at the University's annual Alumni Weekend on Sept. 21, at the CenturyLink Center Omaha.

Dorn, born in Budapest, Hungary, grew up in Spain and Argentina before she came to Creighton where she earned her bachelor's degree in political science in 1959. She went on to receive a master's degree in history from Boston College and a doctorate in history from Georgetown University. She continues to work in Washington D.C. and lives in Chevy Chase, Md.

Her research on Latin American history is nationally recognized. In 1969 Dorn joined the Hispanic Division of the Library of Congress where she held a number of positions including curator of the Archive of Hispanic Literature. She has served as chief of the division since 1994.

She has played a key role in organizing lectures and programs to bring the diplomatic community, foreign government officials, members of Congress, and academic scholars together.

In 2005 she was Knighted by King Juan Carlos of Spain and awarded the Cross of Queen Isabella, the highest award given to foreigners. In 2006 she was given the Distinguished Service Award by the Conference on Latin American History, American Historical Association.

She currently serves on editorial boards and is a contributing editor for several scholarly publications that focus on American cultural history and Latin American studies.