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Biographical Sketch

Robert R. Swartout, Jr.

Robert R. Swartout, Jr., is Professor Emeritus of History, Carroll College, Helena, Montana, where he taught both United States and East Asian history from 1978 to 2014. Professor Swartout was born in Portland, Oregon. He received both his bachelor's and his master's degrees from Portland State University and his doctorate from Washington State University.

His publications include *Mandarins, Gunboats, and Power Politics: Owen Nickerson Denny and the International Rivalries in Korea* (Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press, 1980); *Montana Vistas: Selected Historical Essays* (Lanham, MD: University Press of America, 1982); *Naval Surgeon in Yi Korea: The Journal of George W. Woods, with Fred C. Bohm* (Berkeley: University of California, Institute of East Asian Studies, 1984); *An American Adviser in Late Yi Korea: The Letters of Owen Nickerson Denny* (University, AL: University of Alabama Press, 1984); *The Montana Heritage: An Anthology of Historical Essays, with Harry W. Fritz* (Helena, MT: Montana Historical Society Press, 1992); *Korea's Amazing Century: From Kings to Satellites, with Mel Gurtov and James F. Larson* (Seoul: Korea Fulbright Foundation, 1996); *Montana Legacy: Essays on History, People, and Place, with Harry W. Fritz and Mary Murphy* (Helena: Montana Historical Society Press, 2002); and *Bold Minds and Blessed Hands: The First Century of Montana's Carroll College* (Helena: Carroll College Press, 2009).

Dr. Swartout served as a U.S. Peace Corps volunteer in Korea from 1970 through 1972, and was a Fulbright Senior Scholar in Korea during 1986-87 and 1994-95. He has been a visiting professor on numerous occasions in Korea, teaching at Korea University, Yonsei University, Ewha Women's University, and Hankuk University of Foreign Studies. From 1998 to 2008 he served as an Honorary Consul in Helena for the Republic of Korea.

He was co-recipient of the first Burlington Northern Outstanding Teacher Award at Carroll College in 1985. He received Carroll's Outstanding Teacher Award for Research in 1997, the Distinguished Scholar Award in 2009, and the Outstanding Teaching Award in 2013. He has served as a member of the Original Governor's Mansion Restoration Board in Montana and was a member of the Board of Editors for *Montana, the Magazine of Western History* from 1997 through 2013. In 2006, he received the Outstanding Educator's Award from the Montana Historical Society Board of Trustees. In early 2013, he was awarded the Governor's Humanities Award by the state of Montana and Humanities Montana.

