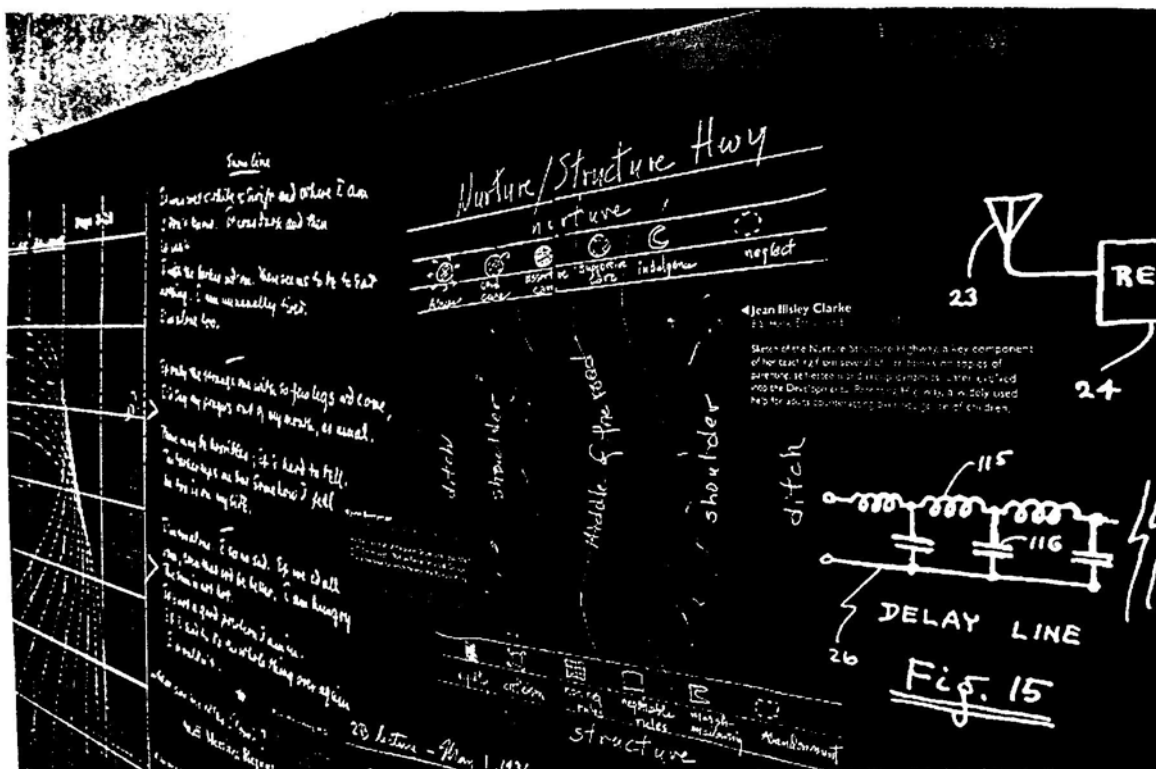


Heritage of Scholarly Accomplishments

The University of Minnesota recently opened a Scholars Walk, a Wall of Discovery, and a Regents Plaza to honor U of M faculty and alumni. Ours is the only campus to have such an installation. It took volunteers seven years to create it and it is financed entirely with donations. The Walk stretches across campus, a handsomely landscaped walkway with many stone pillars inscribed with the names of people who have received various prestigious honors.

The Wall is a blackboard-looking side of the Electrical Engineering building. On the black background are chalk-like depictions of the very beginnings of 151 discoveries. It includes the original chart of the Honey Crisp apple, the first cyclotron atom buster, a musical score, first notes of Hubert Humphrey's United Nations speech honoring Kofi Annen, Norman Brolaug's disease resistant crops that sparked the "green revolution," and countless other scientific discoveries.



My first sketch of the Nurture/Structure Highway, which led eventually to the Developmental Parenting Highway, is on the Wall! The history of the Highway goes far back. Before 1989 when the first edition of the GUA book was published, I had developed the Structure Continuum. **Connie Dawson** saw me do a workshop on it and said, "There has to be a parallel Nurture Continuum." So she identified that. Later, **Jim Jump** of Kalamazoo, MI, suggested putting the two together as a highway, and we took off from there. Many of you have contributed examples of the Highway. **Deane Gradous** identified its use as a problem solving tool.

Recently, when I was looking for a simple way to show differences in parenting practices suitable at different developmental stages, and a way to teach parenting skills and development simultaneously, the Highway morphed into the Developmental Parenting Highway.

I am much honored. As my Aussie friends would say, "I'm chuffed." I don't know who nominated me, what the criteria were for the final cut, or who wrote the short description under my name. What a surprise!

The Scholars Walk is a permanent display. The Wall items will be replaced with other ideas as time goes by. You can see preliminary depictions of the Wall at http://www.alumni.umn.edu/wall_of_discovery. The Plexiglas panels in front of the wall point to future discoveries. Drew Sternal did the art work. Anyway, folks, we have some very nice recognition of parent education as of now. Use this recognition in any way that will enhance your work.