



Dr. Elizabeth Steiner
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Scholar extraordinaire, philosopher of education, logician, founder of educology, and theory construction methodologist.

With her lifetime partner and best friend, George Maccia, she pioneered educational theory construction through creation of the SIGGS Theory Model. Liz further identified foundational theoretical concepts in *Educology of the Free* and *Methodology of Theory Building*, which exemplify her most significant scholarly work. Her greatest legacy is the theoretical foundation for [educology](#)—knowledge of education that results from disciplined inquiry.

Throughout her distinguished career as professor at The Ohio State and Indiana Universities, she guided students to become critical thinkers. She demonstrated the courage to think differently, breaking through conventions of thought with her perspicacious judgment. Above all, Elizabeth Steiner valued truth, goodness, and beauty.