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Indeed assured that the Earth’s fragile environment will be in good hands—thanks to the Koch Family.

Donald (Don) F. Koch, MSU emeritus professor of philosophy, and Barbara J. Sawyer-Koch ’90, M.P.A., Social Science, a former MSU trustee, have established a series of significant named and general gift endowment funds to encourage today’s students and tomorrow’s leaders to understand the critical need for sound resource and land use strategies and to take the necessary steps to prevent further destruction of the Earth’s fragile environment.

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A new curator position for the Berryman MSU Museum's Brady T. Bard College of Life Sciences and Agriculture, the new curatorship will be named in Julie Avery’s memory.

The new position will be responsible for developing and interpreting the museum’s permanent collections and exhibitions. The curator will work closely with the museum’s curatorial staff to develop new and innovative exhibition and education programs.

Julie Avery, a lifelong friend of MSU and a passionate advocate for the university, established the Avery Stier and Val Berryman Endowment Fund in 2010. The fund supports a range of projects and initiatives at the museum, including the development of new exhibitions and programs.

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The endowed curator position will foster a new generation of curators and is important to museum exhibitions and programs, helping society to shape them.

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