Bertram Morris (1908-1981) was born in Denver. Educated at Princeton and Cornell, he taught at the University of Colorado from 1947 until his retirement in 1975. He published books including The Aesthetic Process, Philosophical Aspects of Culture, and Institutions of Intelligence.

Bertram Morris is remembered as much for his committed involvement in the social issues of his community as for his scholarly work. In 1953, he began an outreach program at Manual High School in Denver that still continues. In 1955, he was given a special award by the American Civil Liberties Union of Colorado for his efforts on behalf of academic freedom and his work to improve conditions at the Boulder County Jail.

As an expression of admiration and gratitude, the Philosophy Department established this colloquium when Bertram Morris retired in 1977.

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