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Kenneth Rolf Aalto

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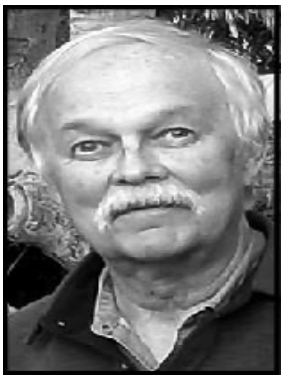

Kenneth Rolf Aalto was born on February 25, 1945, in New York state to Johan August Aalto and Helen Dorothy Aalto, both of Finnish ancestry. He spent much of his childhood exploring the Catskill Mountains, where he was raised. Quickly becoming an avid outdoorsman, he earned his Eagle Scout badge at the age of 13, subsequently using his experience to become an activities director and counselor who specialized in rifling and canoeing.

He attended Phillips Exeter Academy for his primary education, graduating in 1962 as a college-bound student. His first choice was the University of Pennsylvania, where he would earn a bachelor's degree in geology during his graduation in 1966. That very same year, he would marry Ingeborg Frederica Muller, whom he would later have two sons with named Rolf Erhart and Emilius August. The pair moved to Bogata, Colombia, where Kenneth would spend the next year teaching at Universidad Nacional. The following year, they would move to Hamilton, Ontario, to teach at McMaster University. Yet again, one year later, they would move once more so Kenneth Aalto could attend the University of Wisconsin in 1968, where he even attended protests against the war in Vietnam. Here, he would earn both his master’s and PhD degrees, specializing in sedimentology, stratigraphy, tectonics, and sedimentary petrology, with a minor in the history of science.

For the next 4 or so years, he would perform geological research around the entirety of the American continents from South America to Canada. Then, for the next 2-3 years, Aalto would work as a non-permanent faculty member at Humboldt State University, becoming well renowned for his prowess in his field and his teaching capabilities. He enjoyed taking as much hands-on experience as possible, conducting numerous trips to several points of geological interest, such as Newfoundland, Canada, and British Columbia. Ultimately, he was offered a position as a permanent faculty member at the university, where the fledgling geology department, as well as many students, made him their top candidate out of the 8 total options for hire. However, Dr. Barratt, the Dean of Sciences at the time, initially denied him on the grounds of affirmative action policies. However, after meeting heavy protest by the faculty and students alike, Kenneth Aalto was hired on. While working at HSU, Kenneth would perform 2

outstanding acts of science. First, he would analyze and solve the mystery behind the Franciscan Complex just off the coast of California, which was a notoriously complex and mysterious geological formation. Secondly, after exploring and mapping parts of the interior of British Columbia, he would write a report on the “snowball earth” theory, which proposed that Earth had gone through repeated ice ages over the course of its history, even as far back as the Precambrian period. This controversial paper would initially be refuted until several years later, when it was finally accepted by the scientific community.

From here on out, Kenneth Aalto would write over 100 articles, books, and reports on geological features and theories around the world, earning him international recognition for his brilliant work. These merits granted him several awards by the school as well, including the Outstanding Scholar Award and the Inaugural Scholar Award. Later in his life, he would even be made a member of the prestigious International Commission of the History of Geological Sciences. Upon his retirement in 2004, he would spend the next roughly 15 years of his life traveling the globe and continuing his research. This included countries such as Japan, Tanzania, Morocco, Spain, Iceland, Tibet, Uzbekistan, and Colombia.

Cesar Abarca
Teaching since 2013



Cesar Abarca is a known scholar-activist, community organizer, and urban farmer. He earned his doctorate in sociology and social welfare from Boston University in 2011 and had previously earned his bachelor’s and master’s degrees at the San Francisco State University. He has used his degree in social work to connect with multiethnic, multicultural, and multilingual communities from California and New Mexico all the way to the East Coast in Massachusetts. The trips to these communities allowed him to earn an impressive amount of experience in community services, cultural relations, and social policy, which he used to help teach both graduates and undergraduates in all three of the aforementioned states.

Vincent Joseph Abata
1932–2020



Vincent Joseph Abata was born in Rockeville Centre, New York on February 29th, 1932, to Joseph and Mary Abata as one of their three children. He and his siblings (George Abata and Rita Moskal) grew up in poverty on the streets of New York, but he nonetheless looked back to his childhood with fond memories of the Italian cuisine he and his family would cook. He was known to be rather jovial and proud of his Italian heritage, never hiding his Italian accent in both conversation and in song. He was a man who enjoyed life and its many simple pleasures, ranging from morning coffee to his future rose garden. He was very well known for his humor and quick wit, spending much of his time making others laugh and smile with his jokes, gracious hospitality, and his surprise Santa Claus getups during Christmas. Overall, Vincent treasured his friends and family, always holding them close to his heart up until his death in late 2020.

Despite his rough upbringing, Vincent managed to attend Columbia University, where he earned his master's degree in the 1940s, using his knowledge to teach others in New York City, where he also served as a member of the Board of Education up until the Korean War. When the war broke out, he joined the army in defending South Korean independence, fighting until the end of the war in 1953, where he returned to continue his duty as a member of the Board of Education. In 1957, he married Patricia E. Burns, to whom he had five children with until their divorce in 1974, although they continued to maintain amicable relations after their separation.

He and his family moved to Eureka, California in 1964, where he began his brief career as a theater professor. He was most well-known by the school and by his students for his plays at the Burl Playhouse, where he served as an actor, director, and producer until the family would once again move in 1970 to Santa Rosa, California. Here, he joined the Santa Rosa Players to continue his theater performances, but he did not abandon his educational career entirely, as he split his time between theater and working as an educational consultant to the Sonoma County Office of Education. He retired from both in 1990, where he continued to bring joy to children by taking up the role of Old Saint Nick every Christmas throughout the decade.

John Lewis Adams
1946 – 1988

Adams was born in Hollywood, California, sometime in 1946 to Jean O'Shea and an unknown father, where he spent most of his youth in Southern California. A fisherman by skill, he moved

north to Humboldt County for both fishing and to attend Humboldt State University. Upon graduation, he became the primary equipment technician for the HSU Marine Laboratory in Trinidad, where he established the lab's saltwater systems.

He was a man of many trades, being a commercial fisherman, an expert in home construction, and an avid enjoyer of woodworking, although he was something of a perfectionist. He was well known for his courage and humor, and often encouraged others to try new things. His magnetic personality made him many friends, including numerous parents of students at HSU.

Brenda Aden
Brenda Aden was an affirmative action officer who worked with Humboldt State University between sometime during or before 1991 to 2000, where she was given a farewell reception as she retired from her duties on Campus. Befitting her job, she also participated in an HSU Student Campus Climate Survey in the Fall semester of 1995 as part of a student thesis by Randi Marie Darnall Burke.

Claude W. Albright Jr.
1927 –

Claude Albright Jr. was born on April 15th, 1927, in Springfield, Missouri. During his youth, he did not often travel far outside of his town, even staying so long as to earn his AB from Drury College in the very same town he was born in. From there though, he would take his religious and historical studies further, traveling to California to earn his theology degree from the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley and his master's degree from Humboldt.

Coincidentally enough, his wife, Lee Albright, also went to both Drury College and Humboldt for her bachelor's degree and master's degree, respectively. But unlike her husband, she would not pursue a career in theology and history, instead preferring to teach at Pacific Union Elementary School. Claude Albright, meanwhile, would be hired by HSU, serving both as a professor and the school's ombudsmen. At some point along the line, he also served in the parish ministry of the United Church of Christ in Fairfax, Virginia, and was appointed to a six-year term in the Danforth Foundation. Unfortunately, I am not privy to when he served in either position, but his stint in the parish ministry was more than likely before his time in Humboldt.

The last thing we know about Professor Albright was his eventual publication in the Civil War Times Illustrated magazine in the later years of his life around May of 1981. Specifically, he wrote an account on the diary of Colonel Charles A. Clark, a Union commander who earned the medal of honor for taking command of his unit after the loss of his commanding officer, and preventing the destruction of his unit in a battle near the Rappahannock River.

Ben T. Allen
1944 –

Ben Allen was born in Oregon in May of 1944, with little being known about his early life beyond being recognized as an outstanding student at his local high school in Prineville, Crook County, in the aptly named Crook County High School in Oregon. By 1962, he was voted in as the Senior Class President, a position that he will repeatedly hold in many different places throughout his life going forward, including in his foray into college, where he was president of his fraternity.

By 1973, he was working as a city attorney in San Diego, later he specialized as a prosecutor in Placerville, finishing upwards of 50 trials before he decided to take his career north to Pleasanton, until he eventually decided to settle in Eureka. It was at this point, in 1981, that he became a part time instructor at the school, although he would become a full-time professor during 1985 in order to teach students the intricacies of law and its practice. But before his jump into teaching began, he served as a consultant on issues of constitutional law as part of a legal team involved in environmental litigation against California in the mid 1980s, which ended in the state complying with the National Environmental Protection Act.

Only a year later, in 1986, Allen organized a student-run legal center at the school, often advocating for students in local court hearings. He remained fervently active in the field of law, dedicated to making students and other people aware of its functionalities. He published numerous articles at the school and otherwise, including *Students' Rights to Privacy and Teaching of Writing Practices*, *Policies and Practices for Prevention of Sexual Harassment in Higher Education*, and even a book titled *Preventing Sexual Harassment on Campus: Policies and Procedures for Higher Education* in 1995. But even that wasn't enough for Ben Allen, who continued his outstanding efforts by writing and producing a 13-week long KHSU radio series named *The Law and You*.

Outside of the publication sphere, Ben Allen was hard at work with training workshops focused on strategic management for local businesses, landlord/tenant laws, and alcohol laws. These workshops functioned as one of his many ways in which he reached out to the student body to dedicate more of his time to their education and understanding of the field of law. Outside of these workshops, he spent a lot of his time personally monitoring and tutoring students who struggled with the work. That being said, he still laid the pressure on his students, but not in any way that was considered "unfair" by most who learned from him. In fact, many were approving of his teaching style, which shied away from focusing on the memorization of terms and instead focused on hands-on experience.

Only half a decade into his service to the school, Ben Allen would marry his second wife, a director of HSU Alumni Affairs at the school, Pamela McClendon, in June 1988. He retired from teaching in 2003, respected both by faculty and students for his teaching capabilities, unorthodox teaching methods, and dedication to both his field and his students.

George Allen
1923 – 2011



George Allen was born in Kusnacht, Switzerland, on August 16th, 1923, to an American Consul and Swiss tennis player. He only lived in Switzerland for four years before his father was transferred to Calgary, Canada, where he would spend his childhood. He would later enlist in the United States military during World War II, serving three years before returning home and using his G.I. Bill to attend the University of Wyoming, where he earned his undergraduate degree. He would then go on to attend the University of Washington, where he would not only earn his Master's and Doctorate, but where he would also meet his future wife, Beverly Robinson. The pair would get married during Allen's last year of university.

In 1956, just after completing university, he moved to Humboldt County, California with his wife to teach at Humboldt State University. As a fishery professor, he helped to expand several marine sciences at HSU, including the oceanography program and the creation of the graduate fisheries program. He was also the man responsible for expanding Humboldt's fish collection to be the 4th largest in the state. His care and concern for the environment would go as far as to send him on a trip to the Aleutian Islands and the rest of Alaska aboard the Brown Bear, a research vessel of the University of Washington, in order to study oceanographic problems in the Northern Pacific.

His most important contribution to the school and community, however, was the development of the artificial marsh wastewater treatment system. After learning that he and other graduate students had managed to raise trout and salmon in tertiary treated wastewater, the school and the City of Arcata reached out to him to work on a collaborative project that ultimately culminated in the creation of the artificial marsh wastewater treatment system. This system is still in use with the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary to this day and is internationally recognized. For this service that went above and beyond what was expected of him as a professor at HSU, he was given the President's Distinguished Service Award by then-President Alistair McCrone in 1985, two years after George Allen had retired. He was further honored by the decision to name an Ichthyology Laboratory after him.

Gerald “Jerry” Allen



- Awarded a Bullard Fellowship to conduct research at Harvard in 1984
    - The award was received the year prior in 1983.
    - Was to write a book to be used in teaching operations research methods in forestry.
- Earned his B.S. and M.S. degrees at HSU in 1969 and 1971.
    - Earned his Ph.D. from the University of Idaho
- Currently lives in Tucson, Arizona

Pamela Allen

Pamela Allen’s worked as a director of HSU Alumni Affairs. Pamela Allen was one of the primary whistleblowers in the case against Sterns’ white-collar criminal activity. She resigned and moving away from Humboldt County, abruptly ending her 14-year career at the school in the early 2000s moving to Cal Poly Pomona.

William Vail Allen
1935 - 2021



William Vail Allen was born on November 4th, 1935, to Mary Vail Wiseman and Royal Vergne in Berkeley, California. He lived in Berkeley for seven years before moving to Brookline, Massachusetts with his mother and stepfather, David E. Allen Jr., in 1942. As his father was a naval officer at the time, the family would be forced to move around the country until the end of World War II, where they would finally settle in Palo Alto, California.

William would display his adeptness in academics as early as junior high, where he became valedictorian of his class in Jordan Junior High School. At some point during his attendance at Mountain View High School, he would develop a keen interest in science and mathematics, going on to earn a bachelor's degree in the former at the University of California Berkeley and a subsequent master's in biology by 1957. He would then go on to pursue his PhD in biology at Stanford University, meeting his future wife Sigrid Gussmann and marrying her on June 30th, 1962, two years prior to earning his PhD in 1964. His post-doctoral studies would be conducted in Plymouth, England, where he studied the marine life of the area for a year until his return to the Bay Area of California. From there, he would work at the NASA Ames Research Center in Mountain View to conduct Astro-biological projects.

In the Summer of 1966, he would be offered a teaching position at Humboldt State University, which he would accept, becoming a teacher of biology, physiology, and genetics until his eventual retirement in 2002. That would not stop his contribution to the scientific community, however, as he became a professor emeritus almost immediately upon retirement.

William Allen was well liked for his dedication to educating the students of HSU, sparing no expense in his efforts to teach his students all that he knew. He would mentor many future doctors, professors, and scientists. Beyond his scholastic life, he was known to be an avid sports fan, especially of the Golden State Warriors and Steph Curry. He was also surprisingly active in the field of sports, playing in basketball leagues until the age of 50, an impressive feat. His physical activity even extended to construction, as he was constantly expanding his property with his sons and graduate students. When all the activity was said and done, he would like to relax by feeding his koi fish in his pond.

David E. Allyn

- Professor of African and Middle Eastern history
    - Traveled throughout Europe, Asia, Africa, and the Caribbean
    - Spent the summers of 1989 and 1990 filming a video documentary on Namibian independence.
        I. Spent the following summer of 1991 on a photography project in Ecuador and the Galapagos to explore the culture and people of Ecuador.
    - Worked on his doctorate in West Africa
    - Was an adviser to the campus Free South Africa Movement during apartheid.
    - Spent much of the 1980's on trips to South Africa, traveling around the country and interviewing locals during apartheid and advocating heavily for an end to apartheid.
        I. A total of seven interviews were taped, transcribed, and typed and used as the centerpiece of a South African manuscript regarding the events of

1986, as well as being sent to several publishers who specialize in African history.

II. David Allyn's paper to the African Studies Association of Australasia and the Pacific regarding Apartheid South Africa known as "The Divestment Issue: American Response to Apartheid South Africa".

- Well received, published by the AFSAAP
- Spent much of his sabbatical in Australia dedicated to interviewing experts in the field of Australian-South African relations and encouraging financial action against the apartheid government.

Ann Alter



Ann Alter was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to unnamed parents around the middle of the 20th century. Her father was a military physician, so Alter's family moved around the country as his stations changed, including to Chicago and North Carolina. Once her father completed his service, the family decided to settle down in Southern California, where Alter would attend Palisades Charter High School in Los Angeles County. Upon graduation, she immediately pursued a further education at several different schools and universities, starting with Santa Monica City College, followed by Humboldt State University, and continuing to Oregon State University, where she would earn her bachelor's degree in Radio, Television, and Film alongside a certificate in Women's Studies.

It was at Oregon State where she became deeply involved in feminist politics, hoping to bring information about the subject to light as an independent filmmaker, an idea that was reinforced by her interaction with professors at OSU. These professors opened her up to the world of filmmaking, specifically in the form of documentaries, which reinforced her passion and dedication for the craft and its themes. With these experiences in mind, Alter chose to pursue what she describes as "Social Justice" and "Social Change" in filmmaking. A few years after becoming dedicated to this career, she would graduate from her last university, Ohio University, with a Master of Fine Arts degree.

By 1989, Alter had found work at HSU and wasted no time in making a name for herself both within the school and outside of it. By now she was a fully-fledged independent filmmaker and was making waves with her work, much of which played internationally in countries such as Australia, Czechia, Denmark, and many more. Her films were well received, earning her several rewards from film festivals throughout the United States and abroad. Such film documentaries included, but were not limited to, *No Need to Repent* (1989)*, See Dick Run* (1987)*,* and *Ten Miles to Fetch Water: A Crisis in the West Virginia Coalfield* (1989). These documentaries brought many social issues to light, focusing especially on crises not receiving much attention, performing just what she intended them to do, bring upon social change. Her success eventually led to the creation of her own production company, Asymmetry Productions.

Back at HSU proper, her dedication to filmmaking and her documentaries earned her further recognition, this time from the school system. One of these rewards was the CSU Media Arts Festival Outstanding Faculty Rosebud Award. Her dedication to film arts didn't just end at her personal craft, however, as she made a significant effort to lead other aspiring filmmakers to the path. Her former students regard her as incredibly helpful and inspirational, being generous with her film equipment (sometimes even her car) and always encouraging them to create more works and develop their craft. She would even take time out of her schedule to attend students' film debuts and other filmmaker and studio arts festivals, traveling with them whenever she had the opportunity to do so. Her efforts go above and beyond in the eyes of many faculty, students, and aspiring filmmakers, ultimately culminating in her earning the position as Chair of the Film Program at Humboldt as of 2020.

Guy-Alain Amoussou



Guy-Alain Amoussou was born somewhere in the Ivory Coast (Côte d'Ivoire) and moved to France where he spent the next 16 years of his life. He spent much of his time in France studying for a teaching career, which he achieved prior to the year 2000, where he chose to teach at Humboldt State University. He was initially hired as a computer science professor before being appointed to the director of the International Program in the Office of Research and Graduate Studies. Professor Amoussou's experience as an international student gave him the perfect perspective needed to work as the director of the International Program, and he was known to be quite compassionate about that part of his job. He thoroughly enjoyed connecting with

international students and helping them to integrate into life both on campus and in the community, even prompting several trips abroad to gain additional perspective on the students arriving at HSU.

Professor Amoussou was also very interested in educating students about the international world and community, particularly along the topic of diversity. He spent much time doing his best to educate students and faculty about why diversity matters on the campus ranging from ethnicity to religion, and was, by most regards, very open to learning about new cultures and ideas from these international students. Even beyond that, he was keen on educating local students about the world outside of the states as well, finding it particularly appalling that many were seemingly unaware that Africa was a continent and not a country. To this end, using many of his own business connections, such as the Consortium for Education and Technology (which he made with his wife around 2003), he sought to introduce aspects of culture, thinking, and beliefs of West Africa into American classrooms. He left Humboldt in 2015 to travel further east in the U.S. and is now teaching at Bowie State University.

Charles M. Anderson

-Earned his B.S. at Chico State
-Earned Master's of Science in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Santa Clara
-Earned PhD at Oregon State University
-Dr. Anderson's research interests consisted of air quality modeling and plume behavior, source sampling, and abatement technology.
-His title in the Department was Environmental Resources Engineering
-Was a coordinator for the engineering enhancement program in 1984-85
    -Contributed to a microcomputer project
    -Jacoby Creek Watershed Field Study Program (participant, not main faculty member)
-Was one of three licensed engineers in the department, which consisted of 11 faculty members at the time

Carolyn C. Anderson

- Professor of education, specifically taught a class called the "Psychology of Reading" and Phonology (the Study of Language)
- Advocate and designer for "synthetic teachers," a push in the 1990s to introduce artificial teachers based on real professors into the classrooms.
    - These synthetic teachers were made using the Hyper Animator and HyperCard programs on early Macintosh computers, with the technical process itself handled by RAVEL ("random access animation and vivification engine language")

        I. Hyper Animation was developed by the Bright Star Corporation, which Carolyn had been working with for 5 years prior to the program's introduction in 1991.
    - Carolyn firmly believed that this artificial program would help in the learning process of students with speech and hearing disabilities.
    - She also believed that the program was easier for young children and prisoners to learn from due to the absence of a potentially intimidating and antagonistic force in the form of a flesh-and-blood teacher.
        I. She believed that the program was able to stimulate human interaction.

Dennis Anderson

- Professor of Botany
- Earned the 1969 Distinguished Teaching Award

Linda Anderson

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- Elected faculty president in 1987-1989
- Awarded the position of Coordinator for the Student Designed Interdisciplinary Studies major for Spring 2000
- Featured as a guest on the KVIQ-TV program "Northcoast Now," discussing "creative stress management."
- Appointed campus ombudsperson in 1990 and reappointed in 1995.
- Participated in a community protest against the Trump administration's family separation policy at the U.S. - Mexico border in 2018.
- Awarded the Senior Friend Award in the area of Elder Abuse Prevention
    - Wrote and published 5 articles on elder abuse in national medical journals.
    - Appeared on the Phil Donahue Show as an expert in elder abuse prevention.
    - Created a model mandatory elder abuse reporting law adopted by several states across the U.S.
    - Appeared in other talk shows including the Los Angeles "Mid-Morning America," the cable program "Physician Journal Update," and a local talk show for KEET-TV
- Their first paper about elder abuse is called "Clients in Crisis," and was published in the December Issue of the Journal of Gerontological Nursing, written in 1984.
    - Impersonally commended by California Representative Douglas H. Bosco
- One of the commuters to Oregon State University to earn her Doctorate in Nursing

William T. Anderson

- Art galleries in San Francisco
    - His art is often used in magazines discussing San Francisco, especially since it is the subject of several of his works.
    - Dealt with The Graphics Gallery in distribution of his work.
- Artist behind the *Great Indian War Game Series*
    - Consistently uses silk screening and plexiglass in his artwork.
- Art featured in oversize print copies by the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York
- Born in Minneapolis, Minnesota in 1936 to Virgil T. Anderson and Marie Anderson, with an older sister named Jessie R. Anderson
    - Moved to Grand River Township, Missouri by 1940
- Received his bachelor's at California State College in Los Angeles in 1966, and would receive his master's at the same place in 1967
- Between 1967 and 1970, he would perform one man and group exhibitions in California, Oregon, Washington, and Oklahoma
    - Was a printmaker for the Department of Art, Art Alliance, and/or the Associated Students at California State College

Joseph Oduro Appiah
Associate Professor of Geospatial Science briefly from 2022-3.

Susan Jean Armstrong
1941-2026



Susan Jean Armstrong was born on May 23, 1941, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Susan spent much of her life in Arcata, California, where she became a beloved educator, community member, priest, mother, and friend. Susan attended Bryn Mawr College and Cornell University, graduating magna cum laude from Cornell University in 1963. She later earned her Ph.D. from Bryn Mawr College with her dissertation titled, "The Rights of Nonhuman Beings: A Whiteheadian Study".
Susan devoted much of her professional life to teaching philosophy at Humboldt State University, where she began her career in 1976 and later retired as Professor Emerita. Her academic work

focused on environmentalism, environmental ethics, and the moral consideration of non-human life.

In 1983, she co-authored the pioneering and influential textbook Environmental Ethics with Professor Richard Botzler, published by McGraw Hill. In 2003, they published The Animal Ethics Reader which is considered the first comprehensive anthology on the subject, and went on to publish two updated editions.

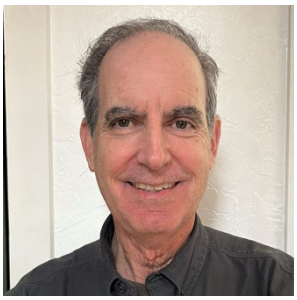
Deeply engaged in both university and community life, Susan served on numerous committees at Humboldt State, including the Department of Philosophy, Educational Policies Committee, Biosafety Committee, and University Faculty Development Committee. In recognition of her excellence in teaching and mentorship, she received the university's Outstanding Professor of the Year award in 2004.

Beyond academia, she also served her community as a board member of the Humboldt Humane Society and Arcata Elementary School. Susan had a lifelong interest in the ethical implications of emerging technologies. She taught courses and gave presentations on the ethics of cloning and genetic engineering in the late 1990s and later explored the ethical issues surrounding stem cell research.

Judy Arnett

Administrative Analyst/Specialist

Guy Alain Aronoff



First generation Californian, product of California schools, Guy received his bachelors and master's in history from California State University Northridge in the 1970s. He did post graduate work in foreign policy at Brown University in 1992, and in economics at CalPoly San Luis Obispo and the University of Southern California in 1996. Trained as a journeyman electrician and electronics technician in the 1970s, he began teaching part time at CSUN in the 1980s, and full time as a high school economics and journalism teacher for twenty years in Ventura County. In 2002, Guy began teaching at California State University, Channel Islands, before coming to teach at Humboldt State in 2008. Beyond teaching, Guy served on numerous committees at the university, and with his wife Judy, established a scholarship fund for

promising history educators. He officially retired in 2021 but continues to serve the university as needed.

Robert W. Astrue
1928-2023

Bob was born February 2, 1928, at Stanford Hospital and grew up in the West Portal area of San Francisco. He attended UC Berkeley, where intellectual opportunities and his rebel nature led him toward academia. After two stints in the Navy, while working at the Naval Research Lab in Washington DC he met Virginia Vogt. They married in 1956. Daughters Mary and Margaret arrived while he pursued a master's degree at the University of Washington, followed by Elizabeth, Joseph, and Elaine during his PhD work at Wayne State University.
In 1966, he accepted a faculty position at Humboldt State College where he began teaching Thermodynamics, Electricity & Magnetism, and Quantum Mechanics, as well as self-designed courses The Science of Sound and later, The Conscious Universe.

Homer Balabanis

Professor Balabanis taught economics at Humboldt for many years, in addition to serving as a top administrator. He died in 1991 and was an enthusiastic supporter of the arts. His impact on Cal Poly Humboldt was so great that he was referred to as "Mr. Humboldt" in his time. The Homer Balabanis Economics Scholarship recognizes HSU's first economist. In recognition of Professor Balabanis' remarkable record of service, this scholarship is awarded to an undergraduate Economics major who demonstrates excellent academic performance.
Years Served: 1923-1964

Scott Bass

Department of Fisheries

Collection Manager

Susan Gail Bennett

Born in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1946. Attended Ohio State University. My parents insisted I go there. I earned a BS in Education and a secondary English teaching credential. I had two outstanding mentors, both of whom are long deceased. Thanks to their encouragement, I moved to California to begin my teaching career and after two years in a Southern California middle school, I matriculated at UC Berkeley and earned both a master's degree (1971) and a PhD (1978). Throughout my academic career, my life was impacted by the Civil Rights Movement, the assassinations of Kennedy and King, the Vietnam War, the rise of Feminism, and Watergate. I attended Woodstock and smoked marijuana. I read extensively and broadened my horizons

beyond my middle-class upbringing in Dayton, Ohio. I marched for free speech and against war. I registered voters and attended rallies for human rights.

Glenn Berry
1929-2012



Berry was born in Glendale, California in 1929, and was introduced to the arts at an early age through programs implemented by the state of California to encourage artistic expression in the United States. He received his BA from Pomona College, where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, an honors society dedicated to academic excellence. Following, Barry attended the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, where he received his BFA and MA in 1956. After earning his advanced degrees, Berry was hired at Humboldt State College as a professor for the budding art department. He maintained his position as a professor at the university up into his retirement in 1982. Berry was a part of the Abstract Expressionism movement, where he presented "the kind of narrative and imagery that explains the human experience." His artwork reflected enduring themes of Western civilization and would often take inspiration from storytelling and mythology. Inspiration for his artwork arose after entering active duty in the Korean War, when stationed on the island of Kyushu in Japan. With that, the way that the architecture fit in with the natural scenery was a source of inspiration for Berry when remodeling his household (eventually multiple) in Moonstone Beach. His goal while remodeling was to complement the natural scenery of the rugged coast, and this extended to the interior where the flow of the household was set by the art of his own imagination and that of other local artists. Berry stated, "humans in new and surprising territories fascinate me and I always wonder what new world will emerge as I start a new painting," and this sentiment was reflected in the numerous exhibitions that featured his artworks, both locally and in Southern California. Glenn Berry passed away on September 4, 2012, but his legacy continues at the University, with one of the awards presented in the art department bearing his name.

Tom Borgers
-2024

Tom Borgers, Emeritus Professor of Chemistry and part-time professor in the Environmental Resources Engineering Department.

Tom grew up in South Dakota and attended and graduated from Augustana University in Sioux Falls. He then attended graduate school at UC Berkeley where he earned a PhD in Physical Chemistry. While at Berkeley, Tom worked with Art Rosenfeld at Lawrence Berkeley National Lab, helping to develop the DOE-2 building energy simulation program and acquiring a lifelong interest in energy efficiency.

Tom joined the Humboldt State University chemistry faculty in 1977, where he taught both General and Physical Chemistry and continued his work in energy efficiency. It was Tom who urged the just formed ERE Department to include Energy Resources in the areas being covered in their new major. His foresightful suggestion was taken up by the department and led a departmental opening for an energy resources professor a year later. He developed and taught the building energy analysis course for many years, a course that is still part of the curriculum. He also taught the advanced thermodynamics course. Tom was famous for his blackboard work, being able to write every detail of his lecture on the board with lightning speed. Many students—remember their sore writing hand keeping up with one of Tom's lectures.

Tom was an early contributor to the Schatz Solar Hydrogen Project and he continued to be a strong supporter. The eventual development of Schatz Energy Research Center and now, the new Energy Systems Engineering major would not have been possible without Tom's early advocacy for energy studies.

Tom lived a rambunctious young life. He spent the good part of a year exploring north African deserts on his motorcycle, occasionally having to outrun bandits seeking to rob him or worse.

He was a self-sufficient man, having built his own home in Arcata, perhaps the most energy efficient home in our area. He was a strong man and stayed in excellent physical shape.

Sally Jo (Nelson) Botzler
1942-2023

Sally Botzler earned degrees in Education at Wayne State University (B.A., 1964; Detroit, Mich.); at Humboldt State University (M.A., 1979; Arcata); and at the University of Southern California (Ph.D., 1989; Los Angeles). Sally worked as a Curriculum and Staff Development Resource Teacher in Multicultural Education at the Humboldt County Office of Education in Eureka and later as a Professor at Humboldt State University in Arcata, teaching courses in Multicultural Education, Education in Society, Pedagogy, and Teaching in Higher Education. She also served as the Interim Associate Dean for HSU's College of Professional Studies in 2006-2007. After retiring from HSU in December 2007, she served as Peace Corps Volunteers with her husband for two years in Querétaro, Mexico (2009-2011).

Milt Boyd
1941-2026



Milton J. Boyd was a longtime professor of biology at Humboldt State University (now California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt) in Arcata, CA, where he taught classes in marine biology from 1972 until his retirement in 2007 and served as the Biology department chair for many years. Milton was an active organizer in local politics and often served as a poll monitor during elections from 1982 onwards. He enjoyed working with the Democratic Party of Humboldt County and became the chair of the party in Humboldt County 2003. He was recognized for his service by his fellow Democratic Party members and was honored as Humboldt County's Democrat of the Year in 2004.

Milton was born in Jamestown, New York, on June 16th, 1941, to Coyle A. Boyd and Harriett Johnson Boyd. Milton was the second of five children, all boys. After the family relocated to Los Angeles, CA in 1954, Milton attended Monrovia High School in Monrovia, CA and graduated as valedictorian in 1959. He attended UCLA and UC Berkeley on an Army ROTC scholarship and served as an artillery officer and instructor from 1963 to 1965 in the 1st Armored Division, stationed at Fort Hood, TX and Fort Sill, OK. After his military service, Milton attended graduate school at UC Davis and obtained his doctorate in Zoology in 1971, studying the effect of community waste on the ecosystem of Bodega Bay, California. After his doctoral research, Milton studied the invertebrate zoology of floating sargassum mats in the Gulf Stream while stationed at the Lerner Marine Laboratory on the island of Bimini, Bahamas.

Jay Anthony Brown
1947-2025



Jay was born in Oakland and raised in Hayward. He and his younger brother Jim were raised by their mother, Charlotte, and loving grandparents. Jay's mother emphasized music, nature, film and most of all art. Jay and his brother Jim would spend many days at the Hayward Library drawing everything and anything. Their father was a calligrapher, carpenter and jack-of-all-trades and their mother was also a skilled artist and musician.

After high school Jay enlisted in the Navy and graduated at the top of his class in boot camp as a sonar man. With the GI bill in hand, Jay attended Chabot College with an interest in calligraphy and printing. He then searched for the best art department in the state, and found Humboldt State University and Bill Anderson, a graphic arts professor at HSU. Jay excelled in college and graduated magna cum laude with a major in art and a minor in biology.

Jay met his wife Marcia at Humboldt State University in 1972. Jay was in the graphics department and Marcia was becoming a registered nurse. Their relationship was enhanced by Jay's love and knowledge of organic vegetable gardening, hiking, backpacking, keen sense of wildlife habitat, bird watching, Shakespeare, the Ashland music festival and family trips to Tahoe.

Jay, along with friends Bill Ferry and Jim Test, formed the printing business Bug Press in Arcata. Jay was hired by Humboldt State University to become the school's graphic artist. All the preview posters, books, teaching aids and printed material had Jay's touch during his work at the college. After 25 years and a well-deserved retirement, Jay began a new chapter. Thanks to his good friend Bill Chino he was allowed studio space in return for handyman work at the Jacoby Storehouse.

Whitney Buck

Whitney Wood Buck, Junior, was born on August 16, 1930, in Detroit, Michigan. He attended public schools and Denison University in Ohio. In 1952, he was commissioned a line officer in the Navy and served in the Navy with the Marine Corps during the Korean War. After his military service he attended graduate school at the University of Michigan earning a doctorate degree. He taught English literature at Michigan, Wayne State University in Detroit, and at Humboldt State University in California. He was appointed Dean of Undergraduate Studies at Humboldt State University and retired in 1993.

An avid runner, he was a member of the Six Rivers Running Club and participated in numerous local races. He was a founding member of the board of the Morris Graves Museum of Art. He loved music, learning to play both the piano and cello later in life. He enjoyed traveling and took great pleasure in cooking for others. Whitney Buck died on May 13, 2023.

Harold Campbell

Hal Campbell is Professor Emeritus at the California State University - Humboldt, College of Science and Natural Resources, Department of Mathematics and Computer Science. His teaching and research interests include Multivariate Theory, Inferential Analytics, Applied Technology, Spatial Analysis Systems, and Complex Logic Models. In addition to his empirical science focus, he also holds advanced degrees in public law. After retiring from the California State University, he was appointed to the bench by the Montana Supreme Court where he served as Sub-Judge of the Justice and City Courts for Richland County, Montana. He currently serves as a member of the doctoral dissertation committee at John Jay College of Law in New York and as Volunteer Project Lead for CancerCureChallenge.

Gary Carver
-2025

Gary joined the Geology Department in 1972 when the growing program needed a geomorphologist and more people to teach field camp. Geomorphology is the study of surface processes, and the North Coast is an ideal place to study rivers and hillslope processes. Gary could map out landslides with the best of them, but he brought a new area of expertise with him. Neotectonics is the geologic study of volcanism, mountain building, and earthquakes. Gary's lifelong love of hiking and appreciating landscapes was the perfect foundation for recognizing the changes that tectonics can bring.

The term "neotectonics" was coined in 1948 to describe events of the past 20-million years but took off in the early 1970s when a young graduate student Kerry Sieh at Stanford employed a backhoe to trench the San Andreas fault zone. Sieh's work inaugurated the discipline of paleoseismology, a branch of neotectonics focused on earthquake faults. Many other geology programs quickly jumped on board and the University of Washington where Gary was studying was one of those.

Energy was a big driver of neotectonics interest in the 1970s. Oil was discovered in Prudhoe Bay in northern Alaska in 1968. Plan for an 800-mile-long pipeline to the port of Valdez in Prince William Sound were initiated soon after. Alaska had suffered through the magnitude 9.2 earthquake only four years earlier and the impacts of ground shaking and surface movements associated with faulting played a large part in the legal arguments that delayed construction for five years.

The Alyeska Pipeline Service Company designing the Trans-Alaska Pipeline employed Lloyd Cluff and Burt Slemmons to assess the fault hazard along the proposed path. Gary, newly hired at Humboldt, was one of the team of geologists to assist Cluff and Slemmons doing Alaska field work in 1973. The team identified four faults along the pipeline path and pointed to the Denali fault as greatest concern.

The 1,250-mile Denali fault arcs across southern Alaska, marked by distinct scars in the landscape from past earthquake slip. The geology team identified it as a strike-slip fault with movement similar to the San Andreas fault and capable of producing a M8 earthquake. An ingenious engineering solution was developed. The 48-inch diameter pipe would rest on sliders where it crossed the fault zone, capable of accommodating up to 20 feet of right-lateral strike slip movement. On November 3, 2002, the system was tested. The Denali M7.9 earthquake produced 14 feet of slip, all contained in the zone the Alyeska geology team had identified. There was minor damage to a few of the slider supports and the pipeline was shut down for 66 hours to

inspect and repair. But not a single drop of oil spilled and the pipeline study is a shining example of the cost benefits of using geologic techniques to assess faulting potential.

Gary's 1973 Alaska experience made a lasting impression on him and would remain a guiding tenet for the rest of his career. With an eye honed to spotting the telltale signs of faults in the rough terrain of Alaska, he quickly turned his attention to Humboldt County, walking miles over unmapped areas and sending students to complete senior theses on anything he found interesting.

Over the next decade, Gary and his students would fill in the map of known faults on the North Coast. His efforts were boosted after the 1975 M5.7 earthquake near Fortuna and the discovery of faults near the PG&E nuclear powerplant at King Salmon (see Not My Fault 11/13/21). Grants from PG&E supported more field work. When Bud Burke joined the Geology Department at Humboldt in 1979, Gary found a colleague and collaborator. Bud's expertise in relative age dating of soils provided a new tool to identify the activity of regional faults. Estimates of fault rates and recent movement could be made by correlating the ages of different offset surfaces.

Gary and colleagues coined the term "fold and thrust belt" to describe our complex regional fabric of folds and faults and it seemed that every week a new wrinkle was exposed.

Those were heady days for the department. Nearly 300 undergraduate majors in 1980, many of them drawn into the program by Gary's magnetic personality. He taught at all levels and was particularly effective at converting students in other fields to switch to geology. He could even convince art, history, and other non-science folks to jump into geologic waters.

Gary and Bud provided the momentum to develop a graduate program. It was hard to start a new degree in the 1980s but teaming up with Math and Engineering, a geology option in Environmental Systems became reality and a new influx of students arrived to work in neotectonics and surface processes. These students went on to careers in environmental consulting and government agencies, and some completed PhDs and are now leaders at Universities and other research organizations.

Mother Nature provided an additional boost to Gary's work with plenty of earthquakes. The April 1992 Cape Mendocino earthquake sequence struck. The M7.2, 6.5, 6.6 earthquakes not only caused $60+ million in damages, but it also produced a tsunami recorded as far away as Hawaii and uplifted a 15-mile-long stretch of the coastline. Gary teamed up with Bob Bob Rassmussen in Biology and students to use sea urchins and measured up to 5 feet of uplift in some areas.

So much happened following the 1992 earthquakes. Gary and a small group of scientists had been aware of the potential of great Cascadia subduction zone earthquakes and tsunamis, but most of the earth science community and few in government agencies knew anything about it. Gary and his wife Deborah began collecting oral histories of the native peoples on the North Coast before the earthquakes, but suddenly there was much more interest. He added paleotsunami studies to his tool kit, coring coastal areas for tsunami deposits and was able to correlate several areas to a corresponding Yurok or Tolowa story.

California put together a Planning Scenario for a larger earthquake in our area, making the threat of a local or near source tsunami much more widely known. NOAA launched the National Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Program in 1996. The media picked up the story too – Gary was featured in the August 1996 Rolling Stone article on California earthquakes, and a May 1998 issue of National Geographic. Gary's work was recognized in 1995 as Humboldt's Scholarof the Year.

Sarita Ray Chaudhury



Sarita Ray Chaudhury received her Ph.D. in Marketing from New Mexico State University in 2010. She earned her M.B.A (Marketing) and Master of Science in Marketing Communication Management (E-commerce) from Illinois Institute of Technology.

In addition to receiving her bachelor's degree (Honors) in Commerce from Calcutta University, Dr. Ray Chaudhury worked for several years in the Consumer Packaged Goods industry and Hospitality and Tourism industry in India.

Dr. Ray Chaudhury is fluent in four languages. Her teaching interests include Consumer Behavior, International Marketing, Integrated Marketing Communications, Social Marketing and E-Marketing.

Bernadette Cheyne
1949-2023
Bernadette was a lover of the arts. She was a former Chair and professor of Theatre, Film and Dance. She was a highly respected actress and director of plays at the university and in the local

theater community. She attained national prominence as cited in two Kennedy Center awards that recognized her extraordinary contributions to the teaching and producing theatre.

Bernadette was heavily involved and excelled in academic politics having served on the HSU Senate from 1993-2011, [Chair from 1999-2001], on the ASCSU Academic Senate from 2004-2011, CSU Faculty Trustee from 2011-2013, and on the CSU-ERFSA Executive Committee from 2021-2023, and on a host of committees and too many roles to mention, including Humboldt-CFA Faculty Rights Chair.

Bernadette served on the Humboldt Grand Jury and became a sought-after jury trainer for Humboldt and other counties.

Bernadette was a beloved member of the Humboldt-ERFSA Executive Committee, and she will be remembered as representing the faculties and her own deep commitment to shared governance and collegiality with both grace and conviction. She will be missed as a colleague and a friend.

Shannon Childs
1975-2026



Shannon was born in San Bernardino to Marilyn (Hastings) and David Childs. In 2002 Shannon completed his master's degree in kinesiology with an emphasis in sports medicine and began his career as the head athletic trainer at Cal Poly Humboldt. It was his life's work to care for student athletes.

Elvin T. Choong
1932-2001

Elvin T. Choong was born in Jakarta, Indonesia, and came to the United States after high school. He received a B.S.F. from the University of Montana in 1956 and, after his studies at Yale, earned a Ph.D. in wood science at SUNY Syracuse in 1962. He taught wood technology at Humboldt State until 1965. He then moved to Louisiana State, where he worked in wood science and tropical forestry. He published more than 150 technical papers, served as a director of the Society of Wood Science and Technology, and was also involved in the visiting scientist program. He received several awards for his research. He was faculty advisor for the

Indonesian Student Association at LSU. He also swam competitively and held several senior master-swimmer awards. He died on Feb. 18 of a heart attack while working on a USAID project in Honduras. Among his survivors are his wife, Freida Natawidjaja, as well as a son, daughter and stepson.

Robert Cliver

Robert Cliver was born in Bethesda, Maryland after his parents met in the Navy. The Clivers moved to Hawaii shortly after the birth of Robert as his father received a job as a Historical Architect. From there they moved to Virginia and then Massachusetts, where Robert grew up. The self-proclaimed Yankee recalls liking school as a child but was bullied and had many American history books thrust upon him by his father; his father is "the most brilliant person" that he knows but the saturation of American history placed upon Robert created a resentment towards history and a lack of interest in our nation's history. However, upon entering Tufts University, interests in East Asia and Socialism emerged, and he "never had to study U.S. history again!" As such, Dr. Cliver appreciates any contributions his students make about United States history in his classes.

Robert's first job was teaching English to students in China, and he loved working with students. However, there were some hurdles that he faced, such as the students being slightly younger than him, and he had to interact with a different social culture. This was a surprise when no discussion was held, and he had to create artificial debates along with deliberately putting out provocative statements to incite discussion. Afterwards, Robert chose to attend the University of Hawaii for his master's degree. During his time at the University of Hawaii, Robert received many accolades, such as gaining fellowships in China, and founding the Graduate Student Union. The atmosphere in Hawaii was very eye-opening, he recalls enjoying the historiographical studies and the professors at the university. However, Robert was not able to spend much of his time in Hawaii exploring, as he stated that his time there consisted of "sleep, work, and attending the library." His interests were still in China, and he wanted to move there and master the language. Because of his excitement to return to China, he did not attend his master's commencement ceremony. From 1994-99, he worked in China and focused on paying off his student loans. One job that stood out was working in the U.S. Embassy as a translator. While living in China, he also got married.

From 1999-2007, he attended Harvard to receive his PhD, as working in business was not appealing to him and he could not see himself working in that field forever. While in his doctoral program, his daughter Arwen was born, he recalls not getting to spend much time with her shortly after she was born, as he had to attend a forum the day after her birth. While at Harvard, Robert got to student teach at Oxford University and traveled through Shanghai for his research. In 2007, Robert and his family moved to Humboldt County, as it was "the only place to offer [him] a position." Initially, he wanted to leave Humboldt, but it has grown on him as he has lived here. Dr. Cliver appreciates that his students like to ask questions, and he likes all the backgrounds he gets introduced to at a state university. Dr. Cliver says that his reason for staying here is that the students at Cal Poly Humboldt are amazing. Robert enjoys doing recreational activities with his daughter Arwen, like cooking, beach walking, traveling, and appreciating

music and film together. Robert states that his social life revolves around Dungeons and Dragons, and he really enjoys Rock and Roll music, especially David Bowie.

Lesa Karen Coleman
1955-2026



Lesa was born in Chicago and grew up in the San Fernando Valley. She attended the University of California at San Diego where she learned to scuba dive, and Cal Berkeley, where she developed a passion for researching history. She graduated from Humboldt State, cum laude, where she earned her Bachelor of Arts in History. Lesa earned her Master of Library Science at the University of Hawaii in Manoa. She returned to HSU and for many years supervised the wonderful student assistants who worked the circulation desk at the Humboldt State Research Library**.** A love of learning and researching drew her to work in libraries throughout Humboldt County where, among other duties, she drove the bookmobile to rural areas.

While working towards her B.A. at HSU, Lesa was hired as a student assistant to help archive records for The Humboldt Labor History Project. She met Noel Harris in the basement of the HSU Library, and he began telling her stories of his lifetime working in the lumber and plywood industries, particularly as a Union Representative. The interviews developed into a deep and lasting friendship with Noel and his wife Ina. Lesa's book "The Town that had Enough: a History of Field's Landing and Its Whaling Station" was published in 2014.

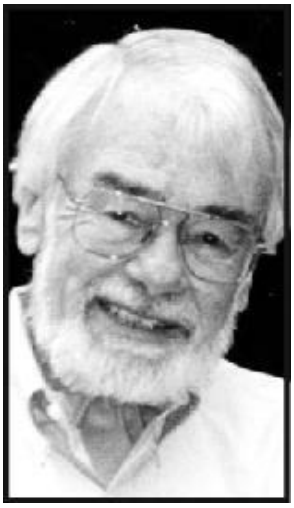
Barry Dalsant
-2023

Barry was a former English Department Chair, General Faculty President and a die-hard GWPE [Graduate Writing Proficiency Exam] reader. His colleagues describe Barry as kind, generous, a good friend, mentor, and colleague. Even after his illness, "he was the same bright, well-read person we in the English department admired and appreciated." There are many stories of Barry's generosity, mentoring and kindness. Barry made a significant impact on students, faculty, and staff's lives. Barry Dalsant will be missed terribly as a colleague and a friend who inspired those around him.

Jennifer Lorraine Dalsant
-2022

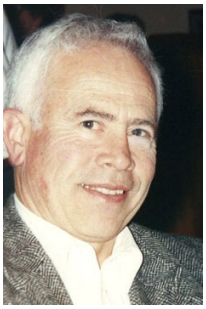
Jennifer went to work for the Computer Center at Humboldt State in 1985 and then as an Administrative Assistant for the History department and as a yearlong substitute in the English department. She eventually arrived as an Administrative Assistant in the Art department where her department chair for sixteen years writes: "she had amazing skills, both technical and personal…and became an unbelievable friend and colleague of the entire department."

Richard Cortez Day
1927-2018



Richard Cortez Day was born July 19, 1927 in Covington, Kentucky. The eldest child of C.F. Day and Queen Day, he was raised in Jackson, Michigan. He attended Jackson Community College and then the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, where he earned a B.S. in Mathematics and a Masters in English Literature. He served in the Navy on the USS Edmonds, a destroyer escort based in Hawaii. After leaving the Navy he attended the University of Iowa, earning a PhD with a creative dissertation. A love of the Pacific Ocean drew him to Arcata, California, where he moved in 1959 with his wife, Bonnie Louise Schwinnen, to teach at Humboldt State. He remained a beloved teacher, even after his retirement. His thinking, his teaching, and his writing were all deeply informed by jobs he held early in his life, which included harvesting strawberries and onions, assembly line work (building tires), and by his time in the Navy. He published numerous short stories and two collections, When in Florence (1985) and Something for the Journey (2005). He was a friend and mentor to many writers, including Raymond Carver. A lifelong athlete, in junior college he played for the NJCAA men's basketball championship. He played second base for the locally renowned Amazing Rossinis softball team, coached the Lady Rossinis, and was an avid runner.

John D. DeMartini
1933-2026



John was the first son born to John A. DeMartini and Violet (Coughlin) DeMartini on October 11, 1933, in San Francisco. The family moved to Sonoma when his father purchased a dairy. John graduated from Sonoma Valley High School in 1951. After graduation, he moved to Humboldt County to attend Humboldt State College (CalPoly Humboldt). He graduated in 1955

with a degree in Life Science and General Science. Upon graduating, he taught high school for a couple years before returning to Humboldt State College to complete his master's degree. He went on to earn his PhD from Oregon State University.

He returned to Humboldt State College and was a professor in the Department of Biological Sciences from 1963 to 1999. During his tenure, he was awarded Outstanding Professor in 1972.

Some summers, John worked through the National Science Foundation and led classes to help elementary and high school teachers develop curriculum. From 1979 to 1984 he was director of the Telonicher Marine Lab in Trinidad. During his career he also worked with California Fish and Game documenting the life cycle of the red abalone and led a kelp survey of Trinidad bay. After retirement he founded the Redwood Science Project with Dr. Casey Lu and Jeffery White. John would travel to Hoopa and Covelo to give presentations and lead field trips for elementary school students.

Ryder Dschida

Instructor Dschida was born in Riverside, California, and grew up on the University of California Santa Cruz campus until the age of seven. Santa Cruz was described as a great place to grow up in–the beach was nearby, and surfer culture was at its peak in the area. From ages seven through nine he lived in Pasadena, shortly after the Dschida family moved up to Humboldt County. Instructor Dschida is the oldest of three siblings, and he feels that his "big brother energy" is something that still persists within him, even as a lecturer. As a child, he enjoyed drawing, playing video games, and reading. During his sophomore year at McKinleyville High School, Ryder enrolled in Advanced Placement United States History, and he recalls that around this time that he also came to the conclusion that he had a good memory, both of which were factors in eventually wanting to pursue a history-oriented career. Ryder's love for History ignited while attending Humboldt State University, and he later chose to attend graduate school at Georgetown University. While graduate school was described as "one of the hardest things I've ever done," Dschida expressed that attending graduate school was interesting and he was happy to attend. Following graduation, Dschida returned to Humboldt State University as a lecturer in 2017, and his former professors were his new colleagues. At present, Dschida is still lecturing at Cal Poly Humboldt and he is content with this position, and he loves working with students and wants "to deliver the best education and wants students to be critical and think for themselves." In his free time Instructor Dschida enjoys rock climbing, taking care of his plants, and spending time with his cat, Oscar.

Jae Emenhiser
1933-2022

JeDon Allen Emenhiser, born May 19, 1933, in Clovis, New Mexico. Jae served on the faculty of the University of Redlands, Utah State University, Colgate University, Cal Poly Humboldt and Junior State Summer School (Stanford University) teaching American politics and culture, constitutional law, and research methods. He received Fulbright professorships to the University of Saigon, Viet Nam, and to the Universite de Mons, Belgium. In addition, he was staff director

of the Legislative Study Committee of the Utah Legislature, visiting scholar at the Congressional Research Service, visiting professor for the University of Utah in Europe at Ramstein Air Base, and visiting professor in the inter-university American Studies master's program in Belgium. Jae retired as Professor Emeritus in 2009 from Cal Poly Humboldt.

Sterling Evans
-2022
Taught history at Humboldt State from 1998 to 2005. He received a Canada Research Chair in environmental history at Brandon University in Manitoba in 2005.

Alan Ray Fletcher
1948-2022
Alan was born on Sept. 19th, 1948, in Eugene, Oregon. A 1966 graduate of Eureka High School, Alan served with the Marines in Vietnam in 1967 as an infantryman and interpreter. He was wounded in action and awarded the Purple Heart. Alan returned to Humboldt County to study philosophy at what was then Humboldt State University, earning his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1972. Alan went on to do graduate study in philosophy at the University of California, Davis, earning a Masters Degree and becoming a PhD candidate in 1976. That year Alan joined the HSU philosophy department faculty, teaching philosophy classes until his retirement in September 2010.

James M. Floss
Emeritus

Born in Buffalo, New York. Attended Humboldt State because of the natural beauty of the place. My best friend's girlfriend was going to Humboldt so when I was 19, I hitchhiked up here and fell in love with the area. After traveling many paths, I ended up in theater arts. My two most influential mentors were Jenny Cranston and Bonnie Mesinger. I had fun; so much fun but after many years I was told they had to graduate. The two most difficult days for me to come to work and teach in the communication department was after the Challenger explosion and of course 911.

Stephen Cary Fox
1938-2026



Dr. Stephen Carey Fox grew up in Hagerstown, Indiana (renowned for Perfect Circle piston rings and somewhat less so for Welliver's Smorgasbord). He was active in Boy Scouts, played high

school football, and tackled the trumpet and French horn (as appropriate) in a variety of musical ensembles. He was fortunate to have capable, devoted teachers and community leaders. Throughout his life, Steve stayed in contact with many friends from those formative years.

Steve joined the Navy after graduation from DePauw University. At Pensacola, Florida, and Corpus Christi, Texas, he learned the duties and responsibilities of an officer,and mastered the mysteries of navigation.

He chose a fleet posting to Heavy Attack Squadron 13 (VAH-13) as a bombardier/navigator. Heavy Thirteen was land based at Whidbey Island, Washington, and at sea aboard the carrier U.S.S. Kitty Hawk (CVA-63). At that time, the Navy's carrier groups and heavy attack squadrons existed for one purpose: if necessary, to bring nuclear war to America's enemies. His squadron deployed twice (1962–1964) to the Western Pacific as part of America's deterrent nuclear force.

His Navy experience stimulated his desire to teach the American story he believed had been forgotten, distorted, ignored or preempted by other disciplines; that decision opened the door to the rest of his life. Thereafter, his love of history, which had begun in childhood, he pursued in the classroom, in archives, in books and in the streets. Occasionally, sometimes accidentally, sometimes intentionally, he brushed up against history in the making (a thermonuclear blast in 1962, and the funeral of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., for example).

Steve's career at Humboldt State University where he taught American history spanned four decades. His award-winning oral history publications, books and articles (1990–2009), helped to stimulate a wider interest across the country in the mostly unknown story of the relocation and internment of Italian and German Americans during World War II. He became the pre-eminent scholar in the field. His book, The Unknown Internment, won an American Book Award. Steve became life-long friends with several of the people he interviewed for his books, as well as with others working in the field.

Ronald A. Fritzsche

Dr. Fritzsche is a Professor Emeritus in the Department of Fisheries Biology at Humboldt State University in California. He received his PhD in Marine Biology at Scripps Institution of Oceanography, University of California San Diego in 1976

His research has focused on the systematics, distribution, and early life history of marine fishes. He specializes in the study of pipefishes, seahorses, trumpetfishes and cornet fishes.

Carl Duane Fullbright
1942-2024



Carl grew up in Pico Rivera. He attended University of California at Irvine, where he graduated with honors, and ultimately to a rewarding career in medicine. Graduating from the USC Keck School of Medicine in 1970, Carl became one of the first board certified emergency room physicians in the United States at Long Beach Community Hospital. It was there and at West Anaheim Medical Center that he met a group of physicians who became his lifelong friends. During this time, he also met the love of his life, Anita. In 1980, Carl and Anita moved to the Central Coast, where he continued his medical career at General Hospital in San Luis Obispo, served as the San Luis Obispo County director of emergency services, and began work as a physician at the Cal Poly San Luis Obispo Student Health Center. Carl also nurtured and cherished time with Anita and their four daughters, taking them on numerous adventures canoeing in Morro Bay, hiking sand dunes, and going to Avila Hot Springs.

Ten years later, drawn to the beauty of the redwoods and the North Coast, Carl took a job at the Student Health Center at Humboldt State University, serving as director during part of his tenure. Valuing the challenge and impact it provided, he also continued his role as an ER physician at Redwood Memorial and Mad River Community hospitals, ultimately retiring in 2002.

Thomas E. Gage

Between 1956 and 1973, Thomas Gage earned a B.A. in Rhetoric, an M.A., and a Ph. D. in the Study of Higher Education at U.C. at Berkeley. As an East Bay native his earliest memories are of the Veith Orphanage and two years living with another couple during the War years. My father had abandoned my mother with two sons when rents soared, which accounted for ten addresses before graduating from high school. Berkeley was the closest university to attend. Burt Jeffries, an African American mechanic who he first met working where my mother was the secretary for the general manager of Carnation Milk, 14th and Poplar, Oakland was a mentor.

World War II, the bombing with nuclear weapons, the McCarthy scare, the termination of the House Anti-American Activities Committee, and the Korean War in which his brother served in the Air Force impacted his life. As an activist during the McCarthy period, I was nearly elected president of the first-year class at U.C.

After his sophomore year, he took time out to travel the Mediterranean before returning to Cal. That year resulted in an acquired fetish to travel and a change of major, Chemistry on the pre-med track to the humanities. An Eldridge J. Steward Scholar my first two years, he received a James Kemper Scholarship, with the opportunity to attend law school and an offer to enter the Kemper administration in Chicago as an intern.

Several mentors accounted for much of what resulted then in his career. Intellectual historian Professor Carl Schorske in History; Professor Woodward Borah, subsequently identified as a principle of The Berkeley School of demographics; Albert Johnson, a founder of the San Francisco Film Festival and member of the African American department, were most influential during his undergraduate education. Dr. Edmund J. Farrell, Dr. Leo P. Ruth, and James R. Gray, of the School of Education were of significant influence in teaching, writing, and travel.

After a decade and a half of teaching, publishing, and involvement as a speaker and organizer of State, National, and International professional conferences, Humboldt hired me at the level of associate professor, with my earning full professor in five years. I chose Humboldt for its regional and academic reputation. My family, with three daughters, was familiar with the Northcoast. He helped germinate what became the National Writing Project ("N.W.P."): founding the Redwood Writing Project ("R.W.P."), the second oldest in the N.W.P. in its 45th year. Twined with this was the English department's Master's Degree in the Teaching of Writing.

In 1991, working with the County Board of Supervisors, under the chair of Anna Sparks, helped establish an M.O.U. with Guangxi Autonomous Region of the P.R.C. Our delegation involved the Board, the Redwood Small Business Association, Humboldt's Tourism, and Humboldt State University. Ultimately evolving in 1992 and 1993 into Cal Poly Humboldt's International Studies Major.

Gage had the honor of enjoying a career under the stewardship of ex-President Alistair MacCrone, enjoying a close association with the former president, a genuinely collegial educator open to negotiations, and a friend who made just decisions that best benefited students and faculty. Among the students whom he mentored at Humboldt, one, in fact, now provides an Internet program that benefits 3-millions students in classrooms of the U. S., and nearly a half dozen others have served as directors of States writing projects of the National Writing Project.

Robert A. Gearheart
1938-Present



Born in 1938, Robert attended the University of North Texas and received degrees in Biology and Mathematics. Afterwards, he attended the University of Oaklahoma where he received his

master's and doctoral degrees. Dr. Gearheart's landmark achievement was heading the Arcata Marsh Pilot Project, which was launched in 1979, and preliminary results were presented in 1982. Dr. Gearheart wanted to demonstrate that wetlands could treat wastewater from the oxidation pond and could be beneficial to the freshwater wetlands that surround the Arcata Marsh. During the Project's growth, Dr. Gearheart had a marsh that was named after him, which contained the best soil base of the treatment sections. Given his contributions to the city and the university, Dr. Gearheart was named Humboldt State University Scholar of the Year in 1989. Dr. Gearheart is a respected scholar in his discipline due to the impact that his work has had on other parts of the world. His work has been replicated in other parts of the world, and constructed wastewater systems now exist in Asia, Africa, and other parts of North America. In 2019, the Professor Emeritus received an award in Washington, D.C. by the Environmental Law Institute for scientific research.

Paul Geck

Professor Geck was born in Leavenworth, Kansas and is the youngest of five brothers. At about two and a half years, Paul and his family moved to Salt Lake City, following this move there were two other moves to Wichita, Kansas, and eventually New Jersey. During this time, Paul was very shy around his peers and enjoyed taking care of the family cat, swimming, reading, and bike riding, in which he is self-taught. Television was a favorite pastime, and Professor Geck describes himself as an "expert on 70s rerun TV." He also had a dislike for school that arose while living in New Jersey, as the people there were unwelcoming, something that Professor Geck tries to counteract while lecturing by trying to create a welcoming environment for his students. In middle and high school, Paul focused primarily on the sciences and entered Tulane University as a Physics major. Eventually, he switched to Civil Engineering, until he arrived at applied calculus, and "hit the wall." Following this event, Paul decided that he would take classes with titles that he liked the following semester: he noted that a lot of these classes focused on the History of various subjects, in particular, his Western Civilization class and professor opened his eyes to historical thought and precedent. Getting to compare different civilization groups and identifying different patterns through time was appealing to Paul, and he was very confident in his speaking skills, so he decided to transition his discipline to History. Although he was not the most confident in his writing skills, he was encouraged by his English professors and his writing skills improved. Professor Geck recalls the time he spent at Tulane University as a little bit of a culture shock, but it was embraced with joy, the live music scene and warm weather were also fond memories. Following his undergraduate program at Tulane University, Paul enrolled in the graduate program at the University of Missouri: Kansas City. During this time, he worked in a graduate teaching assistantship, and the desire to work at a university as an instructor emerged. During graduate school, Paul met his future wife, Kenna-Kay, a fellow historian in the graduate program. Paul began the interdisciplinary doctoral degree program at University of Missouri: Kansas City, and got two years into the program, which he did not complete due to unforeseen circumstances that were not in his control. However, he was teaching while in the doctoral program and it was conclusive that lecturing was his passion. As such, Paul and Kenna-Kay eventually made the decision to move to Humboldt County following previous camping and road trips in the area. Paul began his credential at Humboldt State University, and student taught in Eureka. In the fall semester of 2001, he lectured at Humboldt

State University and College of the Redwoods. Paul has been consistently lecturing at College of the Redwoods since 2001 and at Humboldt State University since 2005. Professor Geck seeks to create a comfortable environment for historians and non-historians alike in his classes at Cal Poly Humboldt, in which students can comprehend and enjoy what they are learning. He also noted the importance of different learning styles and emphasized that his classes are set up in a way so that different learning styles are accommodated in their own way. The Gecks enjoy working in their garden and watching movies together; they spend time with their cats and each other outside of academia.

Michael Francis Jude Goodman
1950-2026



Michael first came to Humboldt County in 1973 to pursue a BA degree in Philosophy at Humboldt State. He graduated and married his beloved wife, Hollie Ann (née Shaffer), in 1975. Michael then took an MA in Philosophy from San Diego State in 1978 and a PhD in Philosophy from Michigan State in 1986.

He was hired as a lecturer at Humboldt State in 1984, secured a tenure-track position, in 1987, and climbed the ranks to full Professor of Philosophy. Michael retired in 2023. His areas of specialization in scholarship and teaching were logic, philosophy of science, epistemology and the philosophy of David Hume, although as a junior faculty he taught many different courses, such as the history of philosophy, epistemology, metaphysics/ontology, philosophy of law and moral philosophy/ethics. Michael published four books in philosophy and many papers in philosophical journals. One of his favorite academic activities was to read papers at conferences. He delivered papers in Oxford (UK), New York, Athens (Greece), Cordoba (Argentina), San Francisco, Los Angeles, Ann Arbor (Michigan) and many other places. Michael had an abiding love of classical literature, with a special place in his heart for Shakespeare and Dickens.

Judith Hampton
1944-2024

Judith (Judy) Hampton was born in Arcata, CA on May 16, 1944, to Ivar (Carl) and Frances Aronson. She attended CES and Stewart School in Arcata, Sunny Brae (Middle School), and Arcata High School. On June 18, 1966, she married Charles (Chuck) Hampton. They were married 57 years. Judy worked at Humboldt State University as a department secretary for the Sociology/Anthropology and Forestry departments.

Thomas Joseph Hassler
1934-2021

Thomas Joseph Hassler was born January 6, 1934, to Joseph Francis Hassler and Margaret Moore Hassler in McCook Nebraska. Born the eldest of four children, Tom grew up working in the family store and enjoyed playing sports, duck hunting, fishing, and boating. Tom graduated from McCook High School in 1952, lettering in football his junior and senior year. He attended McCook Community College and went on to attend the University of Nebraska where he earned a BS in Botany and Zoology in 1957.

Tom married Patricia Joan Kitchen on December 27, 1956. After his graduation they moved to Logan Utah where he continued his schooling at the University of Utah earning an MS degree and a PHD in Fishery Biology. Tom assisted with research projects and taught introductory Botany and Plant Taxonomy labs and Fish Biology labs. He also worked two seasons as game checker for the US Fish and Game.

After graduation the family moved to Pierre South Dakota where Tom worked for the U S Fish and Wildlife Service at the National Reservoir Research Program conducting field studies and research on fish populations and their habitat. He regularly spoke to area high school and elementary students about ecology and was a regional judge for high school science fairs. While in Pierre, Tom was active in the Lutheran Church, volunteered as a Cub Master for the Scouts, and served as Vice President then President of the Pierre Federal Employee Credit Union.
In late 1972, the family moved to Bayside, California where he and Pat resided until his death.

Tom was Assistant Leader of the California Cooperative Fishery Research Unit at Humboldt State University from 1973 – 1995 where he was a research biologist and a professor of Fisheries. Tom developed and taught a graduate level course in his area of expertise, Reservoir Development and Fisheries Management. He supervised the graduate programs for many students as major professor and research projects director. He retired in 1997 as the Acting Leader of the unit.

John C. Hennessy
1929-2004



He was born in Rockford, Ill., on August 20, 1929. During the Korean War, Jack served in the U.S. Army Counterintelligence Corps in Germany. He took his separation from the service in Germany, met his future bride Gisela, and continued working for the CIC and Army G-2 in Stuttgart and Heidelberg. Upon returning to the United States, he completed his formal education with a B.A. degree from California State University, Los Angeles, an M.A. degree from Occidental College, and a Ph.D. from UCLA. He was appointed Assistant Professor of History at Humboldt State University in 1965, and over the years held most senior administrative positions on campus, including Vice President for Academic Affairs and Vice President for Administrative Affairs. Subsequent to his retirement in the early 1990s, he returned on three occasions to serve briefly in vice presidential appointments, the most recent being in 2002. In 1980-81, Jack held a Fulbright Appointment at the University of the West Indies in Barbados.

Douglas John Jager
1939-2024



Douglas John Jager, PhD, Emeritus Professor of Forestry and Watershed Management, Humboldt State University. Born in Oakland, California, on New Year's Eve 1939. After graduating from Fremont High School in Oakland, Doug attended junior college and then transferred to Humboldt State College where he majored in forestry. On campus, in the dining room of the Nelson Hall dorm, he met Nancy Foster, an elementary education major from Ukiah, California. They were married on August 13, 1961, at the Ukiah Methodist Church and had sixty-two wonderful years together. Doug loved teaching and the interactions with his students. He began as a teaching assistant in forest engineering during his junior year at Humboldt State.

After earning a Bachelor of Science in Forestry, he continued to teach in both forestry and watershed management while earning his Master of Science in Forestry. He then went on to teach forestry at the University of Nevada while completing his PhD in Wildland Hydrology. Doug returned to Humboldt State in 1973 as a professor of Forestry and Watershed Management and retired as Emeritus faculty in 2000. He was known as a hard teacher, earning the nickname of "clear cut." He was not sure if it was because of his short haircut or his forestry philosophy. Doug was a registered professional forester and had worked on Redwood tree and watershed research and projects in Southern Humboldt and Northern Mendocino counties including the Mattole and Bull Creek areas. A conservationist, he belonged to numerous groups including The

Society of American Foresters, the Nature Conservancy, the Sierra Club, and the Audubon Society.

He was a founding member of CHERT, a Humboldt County team of scientists reviewing and making recommendations on gravel extraction on the Mad, Van Duzen, Smith, and Eel rivers. Doug previously served on the local Trinidad Volunteer Fire Department and was a past president of Rural Trinidad.

Betty Jain
1929-2022

Born in 1929 in the desert and irrigated farmland of southwestern Idaho, Betty came to love her adopted California north coast and the college town of Arcata. Sensitive but fearless by nature, she never let other people's expectations interfere with her sense of self.

Betty launched her love of books and words at a two-room schoolhouse. She begged her parents to go to the University of Idaho where she studied English. With the dream of writing plays, she spent a year in New York and wrote for Esquire Apparel Arts, a men's clothing publication. The farm girl hailed taxis, interviewed tie merchants, and signed articles as B. L. Peters, "because they didn't want men to know women were writing their stories."

After the big city, she completed a master's at the U of I where she met her husband, Walter Jain. In 1954, newly married and with Betty's Fulbright scholarship, they set off for a year in Paris, France where she would study at the Sorbonne. Betty had a lifelong, deep affection for France, its culture and her French friends. After her kids were grown, she returned a dozen times, often to bicycle and roam and enjoy French conversation, food and wine.

Betty came to California with her young family (two sons by now), first to Covelo where Walt taught English, then to Arcata in 1958 where the high school offered a better job. Arcata would be Betty's home for the rest of her life. By 1962, there were 5 children, Ben, Joshua, Peter, Louis and Martha. The same year, she got a job, first at the city library and then Humboldt State. She loved her job at the HSU library reference desk and enjoyed the students and faculty. She saw many changes such as the end of the dress code that had required women to wear dresses to the elimination of a protected area where books like Simone de Beauvoir's The Second Sex were hidden away. In the 70's, she used her lunch hour to jog on the campus track and went on to win many races including the Clam Beach Run for her category.

She protested the original proposed development of the Stewart School grounds and her dedication to a better vision led to the inclusion of the Stewart School Park. In her 70's, she took up fencing with gusto at the North Coast Fencing Academy.

Gloria A. Johnston
1947-2023

Gloria worked at Humboldt State University for 33 years in Admissions and Records, where she made a significant impact on students' lives.

Kim William Kellenberg
1947-2025

Kim was born in Berkeley, CA on August 4, 1947, to Glenn and Margaret Kellenberg. The family moved shortly after to Crescent City where his sister, Kathy was born. A standout athlete in high school, Kim was highly recruited for basketball and football. He played basketball for three years at the University of San Francisco before transferring and finishing his senior year playing basketball at Humboldt State College where he earned his B.A. Degree and Teaching Credential.

Kim helped Dick Nicolai coach the Humboldt State basketball team as he worked on his master's degree and Administration credential. Later, Kim was hired to teach math and coach basketball and football at Arcata High School. He was a passionate coach who cared deeply about his players. In 2013, Kim was recognized for his coaching contributions when he was inducted into the Arcata High School Hall of Fame.

Kim's 40-year educational career included several years as Assistant Principal at Arcata High School and Eureka High School, Principal at Zoe Barnum High School, and Director of the Eureka High Adult Education program. In 2004 he was named the Adult Education Administrator of the Year by the Association of California School Administrators.
Kim retired in 2008.

Andrew Kinziger

Andrew teaches several courses in fisheries biology at HSU but his specialty course is Conservation Genetics of Fish and Wildlife. He is interested in using genetic data to make inferences into the ecology, management, and conservation of fishes.

Current Research Interests

- Application of high-throughput sequencing to conservation and management of fishes
- Use of environmental DNA in water samples to monitor distribution and abundance of fishes
- Use of genetic data to make inference into the ecology and evolution of fishes, including divergence in adaptive and neutral traits, genetic stock identification, invasion genetics, and riverscape genetic structure

- Research spans a broad taxonomic range, including salmonids, cyprinids, tidewater goby, catostomids, Cottus, and other freshwater and marine fishes

Education

B.S. Environmental Science, (Computer Science Minor), 1996, St. Norbert College
M.S. Applied Ecology and Conservation Biology, 1998, Frostburg State University
Ph.D. Ecology, Evolution and Systematics, 2003, Saint Louis University

Jean Barbara Kozlak
Emeritus Professor of Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing

Jeanne graduated from Grace New Haven School of Nursing in 1966. She received her BS Nursing / Psychology from Southern Connecticut State University 1972. While working at Yale New Haven Hospital, and the Yale Medical/ Connecticut Mental Health Center - Jean was one of the first women admitted to and graduated from Yale University in 1974 with an MSN, Psychiatric//Mental Health Nursing. Her thesis was on "Twins". She worked at Humboldt State University for 36+ years.

Professor Kozlak was active in numerous causes, and animal rescues and shelters.
Professor Kozlak was selected as one of 50 medical professionals from the US to be allowed to tour China in 1979. She published and co-authored articles in various professional journals and presented numerous professional papers at national and international conferences

Timothy E. Lawlor
1939-2010



Timothy Earl Lawlor was born in Lincoln, Nebraska on November 2nd of 1939. Being a very bright and scholastically interested man, he wasted no time in pursuing his higher education straight out of high school. He enrolled in Colorado State University in 1957, graduating with a bachelor's degree in 1961, and following that up with a master's degree from the University of Kansas in 1964, then a PhD from the University of Michigan in 1969. Hardly wanting to wait until his graduation to pursue his scientific passion, Lawlor worked as a curatorial assistant in the Museum of Natural History in Kansas University

and Museum of Zoology in Michigan University, as well as taking excursions into Mexico for some field research on mammals, specifically mice, that he would publish in both university's respective museums. At graduation, Lawlor was noted for his particular expertise in marine mammals, vertebrates, and evolution, on top of being recognized by his curatorial work in the museums of his latter two universities.

By 1969, Lawlor was regularly publishing and reviewing articles in scientific journals such as the Journal of Mammalogy, Quarterly Review of Biology, and the International Journal of Organic Evolution, among others. That same year, he had also become a full-time professor at Humboldt State University, teaching dedicated classes on biogeography, mammalogy, and evolution. In between all of this, Lawlor still managed to find time to travel across the American southwest and even as far south as the Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico to gather specimens and conduct field research, often alongside students from the university. This back-and-forth between the borders even got him into some trouble on occasion, such as when he was stopped and questioned by both U.S. health authorities and Mexican officials for shipping live mice from the gulf of California to his lab back in the states. He described the trip as his "toughest fieldwork challenge," mainly because of the bureaucracy.

His publications and dedication to the biological sciences, which his peers would note as being of "major theoretical importance," led him to join various organizations of other like-minded individuals in numerous scientific organizations across the country, including the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Society of Mammalogists, the Ecological Society of America, and many others. His work did not go unrecognized in Humboldt either, as by 1973, he would become the Department Chair for the Biology Department for 2 terms, which ended in 1979. He continued to take up additional teaching roles alongside this, including a well-liked desert field course and a class on the principles of ecology. His classes were regarded by many students as tough, but he was a passionate teacher, always willing to lend a hand to any student who needed it in any way he could. His dedication to the education of the next generation was not just restricted to the classroom, however, as seen by his frequent field trips across the continent with his students, where he often paid for the trips at his own expense.

Lawlor would even receive the opportunity to put his curatorial knowledge to work once more in the Humboldt Vertebrate Collection, dedicating part of his entire teaching career to expanding the collection from a mere 739 specimens to about 8,000 by his retirement, with his students donating the lion's share with over 5,000 specimens received from their

out-of-state excursions with Professor Lawlor. Shockingly, he considered the collection to be “modest,” a reflection of his own humility. His work in the collection was so monumental that it would eventually be renamed in his honor, becoming the Timothy E. Lawlor Mammal Collection on February 3rd, 2011. Even still, what he is arguably best known for is the publication of his book, *Handbook to the Orders and Families of Living Mammals*, which he published with Mad River Press in 1976, followed by a revised edition 3 years later. The textbook received national recognition and is still regarded as a very influential and well-researched piece of tertiary-literature.

Only a year after Professor Lawlor’s tenure as Biology Department Chair ended, he would become the Managing Editor for Mammalian Species Publications and Special Publications, both a part of the larger journal he most frequently published in, the Journal of Mammalogy. He held this position for 6 years from 1980-1986, but he continued to skyrocket through the ranks of the American Association of Mammalogy, becoming a member of their Program Committee in 1984, and even their delegate to the American Association for the Advancement of Science from 1987-1990. He even held an additional position throughout all of this as the Associate Program Director at the National Science Foundation for the Systematic Biology Program for 2 years from 1986-1988. He reached the peak of his career with the group in 1988, where he sat on their Board of Directors until 1990, reporting directly to the nation’s capital regarding issues pertaining to biogeography.

Professor Lawlor was nationally renowned, often being called up by federal, state, and private companies and organizations to work as a consultant on their development projects, which Lawlor eventually began volunteering for. Among these call-ups, one of his most impressive, and dangerous, was when he was tasked by the United States Government to aid the army in developing preventive measures and medical treatments for tropical diseases carried by ectoparasites such as ticks, fleas, and lice, in Nicaragua. During his work here, which he spent over the course of 2 summers, he contracted malaria but thankfully managed to recover and avoid contagion from any of his own specimens.

His adventures finally began to slow down in the late 1980s and 1990s, where he would dedicate most of his time to what was now his routine work; fieldwork across the continent, expanding the vertebrate collection, and educating his many students. Even still, he continued to make publications in many articles, and became focused on research surrounding Great Basin mammals. It was around this time that he married a woman named Barbara Martin, a fellow biology professor, and settled more comfortably into his

30-acre home in Fieldbrook. He even received nominations for HSU's Outstanding Professor award and was awarded the Joseph Grinnell Award for Excellence in Education by the American Society of Mammalogists in 2001, the same year of his retirement. Even in his retirement, he continued his research, and took up other duties and hobbies as a cattle rancher, woodworker, and the builder of a new home for himself and his wife in Eastern Oregon.

Donald F. Lawson
1924-2013



Donald F. Lawson was born on November 14th, 1924, to a thrice decorated World War I veteran and reverend by the name of Francis Williams Lawson and his wife, Grace Lawson. From an early age, he demonstrated an immense amount of compassion in his care for others and thoroughly enjoyed making people laugh with a joke or two, as well as an untampered adventurous spirit. Soon enough, a bit of that spirit would be fulfilled as the family moved to Los Angeles in Southern California, where he went to and graduated from South Pasadena High School in 1942. Immediately upon his high school graduation, he enlisted with the United States Navy, serving in World War II until its conclusion in 1945.

Upon his return, Donald Lawson used his G.I. Bill to enroll in Occidental College, same as his father before him, becoming a member of the Sigma Epsilon Fraternity before his graduation with a bachelor's degree in history by 1949. He continued his educational pursuits by enrolling in the University of Colorado, although he changed his degree to that of business and earned his Master's in the subject in 1953. Donald Lawson went on to attend Ohio State University, where he graduated with a PhD in Business and Economics by 1956. Having momentarily satiated his thirst for adventure, Donald Lawson moved himself and his family back to his home state of California, settling in San Diego, where he had just landed the job of Assistant Professor of Marketing at San Diego State University.

Here, his diligence and commitment to professionalism shined through, leading to a speedy rise in the university's faculty, becoming the full Professor of Marketing, then making it as the Chairman of the entire Marketing Department. Being the ambitious business educator that he

was, he continued his hot streak by organizing the Bureau of Business and Economic Research and becoming its director. This was all on top of being a charter organizing member, and eventual year-long president, of the American Marketing Association; not to mention managing his own business dedicated to marketing research for San Diego's booming business enterprises. Despite his immense success in San Diego, Lawson was becoming tired of the metropolitan city life. Having lived and worked in this environment for much of his life. He received an invitation to join Humboldt State University as the new Associate Professor of Business; an invitation he would readily accept, taking up the position in 1965.

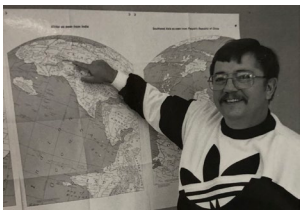
Back at HSU, then President Cornelius Siemens tasked Lawson with reorganizing and managing the fledgling Humboldt State Foundation (HSF), a branch of the university which managed the school's research and public service contracts. Lawson took on the task, and before the end of his first year had remade the HSF so effectively that Cornelius gave him numerous other tasks of a similar nature. These included managing the school's food service, computing and computer building, planning and development operations which included the construction of the new science and engineering building, and much more. Lawson was happy to oblige, noting them to be "very fun and rewarding."

For years, Donald Lawson managed to juggle a fistful of positions at the university under both Cornelius and McCrone. Not only had he now been made a full professor, but he was also the Director of Institutional Studies, the Executive Dean, the Chairman of the President Commission Ideals, Concepts, and Strategies, and the Director of Physical Services. He was even briefly made the Vice President of Administrative Affairs during an interim period in 1983. He was also a big proponent of student run commissions or student participation within them, being especially respected by the student body for his work in maintaining the Associated Students organization (A.S.), whom he had gifted many old university buildings (including Warren House, Buck House, and Hagopian House) to due to the A.S.' label as an auxiliary unit of the school, which deprived it of state funding. Regardless, Lawson did his best to create open discussion between students and faculty, being quite forward thinking in his plans for the university's expansion. It was his forethought that led to his modification of the campus' infrastructure to be more accommodating to disabled individuals, which was completed a full two years before the creation of OSHA.

His skills in communication and business management, ranging from the OSHA improvements, to the A.S., to the remodeling of Founders Hall was nothing short of remarkable, especially in such a relatively short period of time. Still, Lawson was nothing if not diligent, and he soon came to represent the university on the Arcata Chamber of Commerce, even serving a full term as its president that coincided with his holding of the same position on the Humboldt County Economic Development Commission. He retired on November 13th, 1987, becoming a member of Emeritus faculty.

His academic interests continued well into his retirement, eagerly joining several college courses on geology and music appreciation, two subjects of his personal fascination. Professor Donald F. Lawson would pass away on April 23rd, 2013, surrounded by friends and family. Beyond his impressive contributions to the campus infrastructure and community, he was best known for his lightheartedness and soft heart.

Joseph S. Leeper



1946-2025
Professor and Chair, Geography Department
BA 1969 Dartmouth College
MA, PhD 1974 University of Oregon

Joe was a kind, honest, and devoted man. He and his twin brother, John, were born on November 16, 1946, in Butte, Montana to Evelyn and Samuel Leeper. Joe grew up in Montana, Washington, Nevada, and Oregon. He graduated from Hood River Valley High School in Oregon in 1964.
Joe graduated from Dartmouth College in June 1968. He attended via academic scholarship and enjoyed playing football for both freshman and sophomore years. Joe's claim to fame was Dartmouth went undefeated during his sophomore years and the team won the Ivy League Lambert Trophy.

After graduating from Dartmouth in 1968, Joe was granted admission to the University of Oregon by the graduate program. In 1971, he accepted a teaching position at Humboldt State University for the fall/winter terms and began teaching full-time in the fall of 1972. In 1974, Joe completed his dissertation and was awarded a PhD by the University of Oregon. During his professional career, Joe was promoted from instructor to faculty to chairman of the HSU Geography Dept for several years. Joe taught Geography for teachers, cultural and Latin America studies until his retirement in 2009.

Joseph's teaching and research focused on human and cultural geography, including influential work on the geography of the Emerald Triangle and the political economy of the cannabis industry in Humboldt County.

A dedicated educator and advocate for geographic learning, Joseph was honored with the California Geographical Society Career Service Award in 1997 and the National Council for Geographic Education Distinguished Teacher Award in 2003.

Joseph was a generous mentor and supporter of students and faculty. He helped establish the Webb-Bauer Award, created in honor of the first Humboldt Geography grad to earn a Ph.D., and awarded annually to a student who embodies the spirit of geography. He and his wife also founded the Joseph Leeper Geography Scholarship, awarded each year to a student with a demonstrated passion for cultural geography. Joseph remained an adamant supporter of Cal Poly Humboldt Athletics and a beloved presence at department events.

Alan Leftridge

Alan helped found a program in 1988 where "HSU graduate students and faculty had the chance to get out of that small town rut and go to school every day in Beijing, China" to gain educational experience. In 1993, Alan helped the Center for Indian Community Development receive a $137,110 grant from The Environmental Protection Agency to create a curriculum 'program for fourth through twelfth graders in schools in Del Norte, Humboldt and Trinity counties, focusing especially on communities with a large Native American population" to educate them on the hazards of toxic waste

Peter A. Lehman



In 1989 Engineering Professors Peter Lehman and Robert Gearheart created a master's program in International Development Technology (IDT). Scholar of the Year in 2002. Peter Lehman, the director of SERC, expressed his gratitude for Schatz's $7.4 million estate donations/grant at an acceptance ceremony for Schatz Energy Center in 2003.

Clarence R. Leonard

Assistant Professor of Education from 1959 to 1974. Elected president of the Humboldt State College Teachers Association in 1961.

Troy Lescher

Program Leader of Theatre Arts

William Louis Lester
1932-2018



In 1950, he joined the military and was soon shipped off to Korea just as that conflict erupted. He saw some combat in Korea but spent most of his military career first in Japan, where he learned a bit of the language and a great appreciation for the culture, followed by a year in Hawaii, where he learned a bit of the language and a great appreciation for the culture. He was proud to be the single non-native Hawaiian in his outfit. Returning home, Bill took advantage of the GI Bill to put himself through college, earning a PhD in microbiology from the University of California, Davis. He soon went to work for Cutter Laboratories, a pharmaceutical company in Berkeley, California. He was recruited by Humboldt State University in Arcata, California, to instigate a program in micro-medical biology, which proved highly successful, especially for students aiming for nursing school. His academic career spanned 37 years.

Mary Anne Levine



Nursing

Ronald D. Levine
Math Department Chair 1972

Bernie Levy



Levy has taught special education in the secondary level for many years. Now working with student teachers and mentors in special ed. I received my Bachelors, Masters, and Teaching Credentials at Humboldt.

Laura Levy

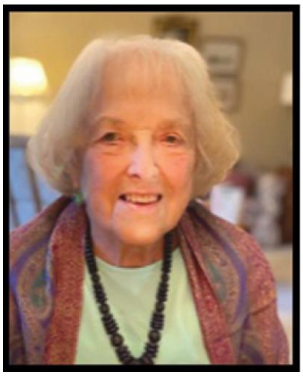


Dr. Levy is a Glacial Geologist and Sedimentologist in the Department of Geology at Cal Poly Humboldt. I use sediments to learn about past climate changes - mostly in Greenland and North America. I research how the margins of the Greenland Ice Sheet and glaciers in northern California have changed since the end of last ice age (~12,000 years ago). I do this by using two methods: 1) surface exposure dating of glacial landforms (using the isotope beryllium-10) to determine the timing of ice retreat and 2) analyzing lake sediment cores to obtain continuous records of upvalley glacier fluctuations and environmental change. These data are useful for determining the response of ice sheets and glaciers to natural climate variability on long time scales.

I am also interested in science communication and enjoy having discussions with students and the general public about science and the challenges of working in remote field locations. I have been a National Science Foundation GK-12 fellow and a member of the first cohort of National Science Foundation Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship (IGERT) fellows at Dartmouth.

John H. Lewis
John H. Lewis was Humboldt's 1st Wildlife professor coming in the fall of 1946, he established the foundations for the present Division of Natural Resources, which today includes the largest enrollment of fisheries and wildlife students and one of the largest forestry departments of any college or university in the United States or Canada. He tragically died in a car wreck in September 1949. Lewis was known as the guiding hand behind the game reserve established in this area, having laid out the program in detail. Professors and students from every section of the United States came for frequent visits and study with him. He was a veteran of World War II and served as a lieutenant in the Navy. He earned the Asiatic Pacific theater ribbon with one star, the Philippine Liberation medal with two stars, and the American theater, World War II victory ribbon. Lewis was a native of Fernley, Nevada, a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and of the Alpha Zeta, an honorary fraternity.

Marlys N. Lilleskov
1931-2023



Marlys Ella Sietzer was born in South Dakota. She was the long-time department chair in the nursing program.

John B. Lima
Counseling, Upward Bound, Indian Teacher Education Program, Youth Educational Services

Joselyn Lindsey
Anthropology

Daniel Lipe
Assistant Professor, Environmental Science and Management
Member of the Cherokee Nation and new hire at Cal Poly Humboldt in the Environmental Science and Management department. I have worked in higher education for over 25 years in the area of inclusion of Indigenous Knowledge systems as scientific worldviews in STEM higher education. I have developed and taught several Indigenous Knowledge based courses and programs. I currently teach course within the NAS and ESM programs at Cal Poly Humboldt that

incorporate Indigenous knowledge and western science perspectives. My research is in environmental land restoration efforts that incorporate TEK and the work involved around indigenizing science.

Thomas E. Lisle
Thomas E. Lisle spends much of his time researching Bed load, Hydrology, Geotechnical engineering, Sediment and Sediment transport. His Bed load study is focused on Geomorphology in general. His Hydrology research integrates issues from Ecosystem, Vegetation and Channel types.

Judith Little
1948-2024



Judith Kristine Little was born in Berkeley on November 20, 1948, to Angela and George Little. Angela was a trailblazing woman in science at U.C. Berkeley, and George was a certified public accountant. An only child, Judy grew up watching her mother battle sexism in academics on the way to becoming a professor at Berkeley. Judy proved to be as motivated and determined in her own scholarly pursuits and graduated from Berkeley High School at age 16. Judy attended Reed College for two years, returning to Berkeley where she received her B.A. with a major in social science from Cal.

Judy's first marriage took her to Eureka where she enrolled in the Humboldt State University masters of sociology program. While working on her master's degree Judy developed a relationship with James Derden, a professor of philosophy at Humboldt. With a master's degree in hand, Judy married Jim on May 30, 1974.

Judy spent the next years juggling family, working as a lecturer at Humboldt, and finishing her Ph.D dissertation, which she accomplished in 1985. Over the next decade she did everything from teaching statistics in the Natural Resources College, was head of Women's Studies, and taught 80% of the courses listed in the catalog for Sociology.

In 1995 Judy got the recognition she deserved and was appointed to a tenure track position as an Assistant Professor. In 1997 she was recommended for tenure and Associate Professor rank, which she was awarded. Full professor rank shortly followed and the 15 yearlong “part-timer” became the department chair.

Judy was heavily involved in her field beyond the Humboldt campus and community. Some of her roles included being a member of the Commission on Applied and Clinical Sociology, the Commission representative to the Board of the Association on Applied and Clinical Sociology, and President of the California Sociological Association. She was also active beyond the field of sociology, participating on numerous committees across campus, supporting HSU women’s athletics, and serving on the board of Open Door Health, the Arcata Economic Development Committee, and the Pacific Union School Board, among others before retiring in 2010.

Stella Sankey Little
She taught the Advanced Art classes and Beginning classes but she had to prepare elementary teachers – potential elementary teachers in the 1930s.

Stephen Ward Littlejohn
1944-2024



He was born in Los Angeles on September 12, 1944, to Margaret Brinton Littlejohn and Richard Littlejohn. He grew up in La Habra, California, graduating from La Habra High School in 1962. He earned a BA in Speech from the University of Redlands (1966), an MA in Speech from the University of Utah (1968), and a PhD in Speech Communication from the University of Utah (1970).

Communication was the focus of Stephen’s professional career. He was a professor in the Department of Speech Communication at Humboldt State University in Arcata, California (1970–1996), where he also served in a number of administrative positions—chair of the Department of Speech Communication (1977–1980, 1988–1991); chair of the Department of Philosophy (1989–1990); and director of the Division of Interdisciplinary Studies and Special

Programs (1980–1984). He also served as a visiting professor in the Department of Communication Studies at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst (1984–1985). After moving to Albuquerque and retiring from Humboldt State, he taught in the Department of Communication & Journalism at the University of New Mexico (1994–2015). Students and colleagues remember him as someone who was kind, genuine, encouraging, and respectful.

Stephen also served as a communication consultant (1993–2010), sharing his expertise outside of the academic setting. With Kathy Isaacson, he formed DLI Communication Consultants, facilitating conflict management, strategic planning, public dialogue, mediation, and leadership processes for clients such as the U.S. Postal Service, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the U.S. Forest Service, Tribal Colleges and Universities, Intel, and Kodak. He also consulted on peace initiatives in Sri Lanka and Indonesia and conducted workshops and trainings in Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Brazil, Argentina, and Colombia. Among the principles that guided Stephen's work were "people support what they create" and "look for the wisdom in the whining."

In 1996, Stephen was one of a group of communication professors who created the Public Dialogue Consortium. Based on social construction—the idea that communication creates reality—the PDC was designed to improve the quality of public communication, especially around hot-button issues. The success of the PDC led to the creation of the Communication as Social Construction division in the National Communication Association and the Coordinated Management of Meaning Institute for Personal and Social Evolution, of which Stephen was a founding board member.

Stephen was the author, co-author, or editor of numerous books in the communication discipline. He was best known for his book, *Theories of Human Communication*, which was the first book in the discipline to provide a comprehensive overview of theories of communication and was the "bible" for many students learning about communication theory. The book is still being published, and his coauthors are currently completing the13th edition. His other books include *Encyclopedia of Communication Theory*; *Communication, Conflict and the Management of Difference*; *Facework: Mediation: Empowerment in Conflict Management*; *Engaging Communication in Conflict*; *Moral Conflict: When Social Worlds Collide*; *Elements of Speech Communication*; and *Persuasive Transactions.* He published articles on moral conflict, dialogue, civility, social construction, and communication theory in journals such as *Conflict Resolution*, *Quarterly Journal of Speech*, *Western Journal of Communication*, and *Journal of Applied Communication Research*. He also served as president of the Western States Communication Association from 1992 to 1993.

Stephen took up various hobbies at different times in his life, including showing dogs, painting with watercolors, hosting a radio show of classical piano, gardening, hiking, photography, and biking. He and his wife Karen loved movies, going as often as three times a week, and in their retirement, they traveled extensively. Stephen particularly enjoyed viewing the northern lights in the Arctic Circle, sailing around Cape Horn, cruising the Mekong River in Vietnam, sipping a Jameson's while watching the Amazon River glide by, riding bikes to the dikes in the Netherlands, drawing wine from reconfigured gas-station pumps in Italy, and touring murals about the Troubles in Northern Ireland.

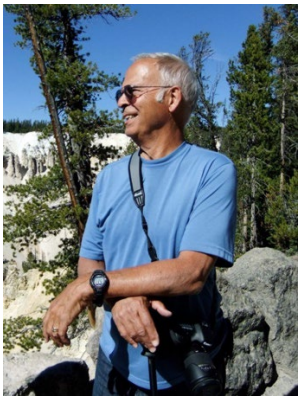
After his retirement, Stephen returned to the study of German language and culture that he had begun as an undergraduate. He became fluent in the language, continued to take at least one German class each semester, and spent a month every summer participating in the University of New Mexico's German Summer School. When asked why he took up German in retirement, he would say, "because it's better than golfing."

Eugenia C. Loder
Dean of Women, postwar WWII

Jerry Z. Long
Physical Science

Dorsey A. Longmire
-2013
Dorsey was Facilities Planner for Humboldt State from the mid 1960s to 1980.

John D. Longshore
1936-2012

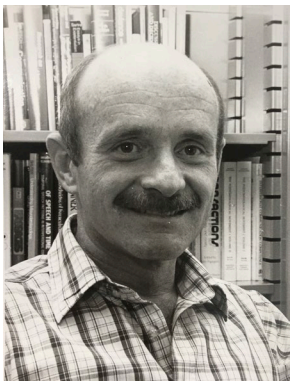


John was born on March 8, 1936, in Birmingham, Alabama. After earning his undergraduate degree from Emory University and a Ph. D. from Rice University, he moved to Arcata to teach at Humboldt State in 1965. With the help of his friends and colleagues, John Young and Frank Kilmer, he developed the university's degree program in geology and taught, consulted, inspired and advised for 40 years. Throughout his career, his priority was his students for whom he held a deep affection, and his particular passion was to get them studying and working out in the field. Teaching at the university was more than just a job for John; it was a calling. His indefatigable commitment to education earned John HSU's Outstanding Professor award in 1984. He was one of the founders of the HSU Natural History Museum and served as its first director when it opened in 1989. He valued highly the entire team he worked with in the geology department and the collaborative way they worked together.

Wallace C. Look

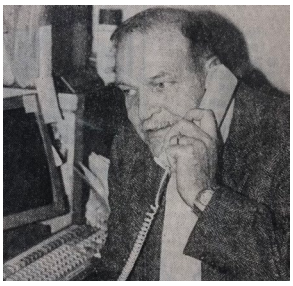
Look was employed at the college as senior catalogue librarian from 1947 to 1950, and graduated from Humboldt State in 1942, has been interested in poetry at a young age. - "...following graduate library science work at the University of California. He had additional graduate library study at the University of Chicago, and was music librarian at Ohio State University from 1951 to 1954.

George Douglas Losee
1945-1988



A native of Davenport Iowa, he received bachelor's and master's degrees from Colorado State University and his Doctorate from the University of Illinois. He was a Professor of Speech Communications for thirteen years at Humboldt State University. Doug was the president of the Humboldt Chapter of the National Honor Fraternity of Phi Kappa Phi. He was the former director of graduate studies for the Department of Speech Communications.

C. James Lovelace
1934-2024



Clarence James Lovelace was born in 1934 near Yeager, Oklahoma to migrant laborers during the Great Depression. Jim graduated from Tehachapi High School in 1952, where he was awarded a football scholarship to Abilene Christian College in Texas. After a brief time there, he continued his academic studies at Bakersfield [Community] College in California, and Harding College in Arkansas. In 1957, while at Harding, he was conscripted into the U.S. Army and was stationed at Fort Ord (Monterey County, California) until being honorably discharged in 1959.

He then returned to Harding College to complete his Bachelor of Science degree in General Science in 1961. Jim went on to pursue his post-graduate education at Utah State University, earning a Master of Science in Botany in 1964 and a Ph.D. in Plant Physiology in 1966.

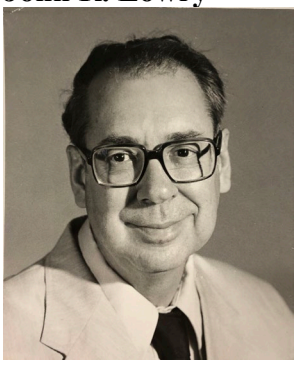
While completing his dissertation, Jim moved to Humboldt County, California, in the autumn of 1964—just before the Christmas Flood—to accept a professorship at Humboldt State College (which would later become Humboldt State University). During his nearly 40-year career, Jim taught, mentored, and inspired many, both intentionally and through example. Among Jim's significant academic research contributions were advancements in our understanding of plant nutrition, increased crop production, and the harmful effects of fluoride exposure on plants and livestock.

Bette A. Lowery



Bette Lowery, a coal miner's daughter was raised in Roundup, Montana earned her doctorate from University of Montana teaching at Rocky Mountain College from 1962 to 1968, and then at Montana State University from 1968 to 1980. She was the chair of the Health and Physical Education Division at Humboldt State beginning in 1983. Named Dean of the College of Professional Studies…

John R. Lowry



1933-

Lowry received his PhD in Business at the University of Pittsburgh in 1962. Before coming to Humboldt State in 1980 he taught at Connecticut State College, University of Wisconsin Eau Claire and University of Nevade, Las Vegas. John Lowry was the dean of the College of

Business and Economics for five years. A professor of marketing he was responsible for the securing the computer information systems major.

Jonathan J. Lu
Assistant Professor of Geology
Received award for study of the rice economy in the US in 1968.

Bonnie Ludka

She received her bachelor's degree in physics from James Madison University. Master's and PhD in Oceanography from Scripps Institution of Oceanography, UCSD in 2011, 2016 respectively. She is an assistant professor of Engineering at Cal Poly Humboldt, and also teaches in the Data Science Department. She is interested in how coastal physical processes interact with environmental management and ecological functioning, on time scales of storms to decades. Her team use fieldwork, data analysis and modeling to help build more resilient coasts.
She is also passionate about environmental justice and climate change communication, and advancing equity and inclusion, in and outside of academia.

Susan Ellisa MacConnie
June 13, 1952 - Sept. 22, 2023



She attended SUNY Brockport and received her bachelor's degree in physical education in 1974. At that point, she planned to get her teaching credential and become a high school physical education teacher. But a progressive mentor at Brockport University asked if she thought about pursuing advanced degrees so she could teach in higher education. That advice and encouragement changed her career trajectory. She enrolled at the University of Michigan and earned her master's degree in 1975.

Sue began her professional career in 1975 at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. She was hired as an instructor in the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation. At the young age of 23 she started teaching Structure & Function of the Human Body, and Physiology of Exercise to students just a few years her junior. Sue was also hired as Whitewater's Head Women's Volleyball Coach and coached from 1975 – 1979. In addition to coaching volleyball, Sue served as the assistant basketball coach from 1975-77 and assistant softball coach from 1978-79. Sue was an athlete's dream coach because of her knowledge and experience (she played in the volleyball national championships while at Brockport in 1973), plus her gentle and

inspiring demeanor. She inspired many female athletes to pursue teaching and coaching careers. During the summer of 2023 her student-athletes from 1975-79 made a tribute video for Sue. They described Sue as: caring, inspirational, intelligent, professional, trustworthy, positive, respectful, and a good listener who always made time for them.

Sue left UW-Whitewater in 1979 to pursue her Ph.D. at the University of Michigan (UofM), which she earned in 1985. While at UofM, she worked on a significant research project aimed at improving the health of elementary school children, the results of which were published in prestigious journals. At UofM she also studied male distance runners in collaboration with several Medical Doctors in the UofM School of Medicine. This area of study and research became her PhD dissertation, which was published in the Journal of the American Medical Association. Outside of academics, she played on a coed volleyball team with many talented former college players. And she took up bicycling, first riding all over Ann Arbor and surrounding farmland. After that she trained for and did several touring adventures in New England and the Pacific northwest.

After earning her Doctoral degree, she worked as the Athletic Director at the employee fitness center for Standard Oil Company in Cleveland, Ohio. While she enjoyed aspects of that work, she felt her true calling was back in higher education. So, she moved to Humboldt County, California in 1989 where she started the next phase of her career at Humboldt State University. She started as an Associate Professor in the Department of Kinesiology and Recreation Administration, and Director of the Human Performance Lab, later advancing to Assistant then full Professor. Sue loved and cherished her time at HSU. To her core, Sue was student-centered. She believed – and led by example – that faculty was there to teach, mentor and support their students in all ways possible. In her early years, she had several cohorts of very special graduate students whom she maintained friendship with over many years. She also enjoyed and excelled in "university service." She served as Department Chair of the Kinesiology and Rec Admin Department for four years and served on numerous college and university-wide committees. She served multiple terms on the Faculty Academic Senate and was voted by her peers to serve as Chair, a high honor. Then President Rollin Richmond asked her as Senate Chair to sit on the President's Advisory Council (at that time first faculty to be invited).

Phillip D. MacCoury
Assistant Professor of Economics

MacCoury comes here in 1957 from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, where he held a similar position. He received his Ph D. degree from Duke University, Durham, N.C., where he also earned his MA. He was formerly assistant professor of economics at Central College, Fayette, Mo., and from 1952 to 1955 was director of labor archives for the US Army Infantry.

Thomas G. Macfarlane
1919-2010

Raised in Calgary, Alberta during WWII he served with the Royal Canadian Air Force as a flying instructor. He earned a BA in Math and Physics from the University of British Columbia and a PhD in Clinical Psychology from UCLA. He taught at Long Beach State and Humboldt State for over 40 years and served as dean of students.

Harry D. MacGinitie
1896-1987

Grew up in the Black Hills receiving his AB at Fresno State in 1926, and PhD from UC Berkeley in 1935. He joined the staff at Humboldt in 1927. He was the chairman of the Humboldt State College division of science with a specialty in paleobotany. During WWII he was in Albuquerque, New Mexico teaching aerology for the air corps. He retired in 1960.

Herschel L. Mack

Chairman of the Speech Communication department. Longtime leader of the Humboldt chapter of the California (Congress) Faculty Association. Faculty President 1979-1980. Chairman of the KHSU radio management committee.

Helen Carolyn Macpherson
1922-2021

Helen was born in Portland, Oregon to John and Hilda Macpherson in 1922. Her father emigrated from Scotland after apprenticeship there to become a master baker. Hilda, daughter of Swedish immigrants, was primarily a homemaker but for a few years worked with her husband in their bakery, "Carolyn's Bakery." Helen spent her early childhood in La Grande, Oregon. In 1932 the family moved to Portland where in 1940 Helen graduated from Grant High School. Then in 1943 she graduated from Oregon College of Education in Monmouth, Oregon with her elementary teacher's certification. That was where Helen's life-long commitment to education began. From 1943-1945 she taught children of WWII shipyard workers in Portland. In 1946 she earned a bachelor's degree in social sciences and geography from George Peabody College for Teachers in Nashville, Tennessee. From 1946-1948 she taught fifth and sixth grade in Tillamook, Oregon. The next 20+ years she worked at the Humboldt State College Elementary School in Arcata, California, teaching fifth and sixth grade until the school closed. During her time there she received her master's degree from Humboldt State. Later, from approximately 1970 until 1985 she worked for Humboldt County Office of Education, first in environmental development and later as a Resource Specialist assisting teachers with curriculum materials. Helen was a member of the team that developed THE GREEN BOX curriculum in environmental education for grades K-8. Teaching about our environment and appreciation of the great outdoors and nature was always a part of Helen's teaching agenda. She retired in 1985.

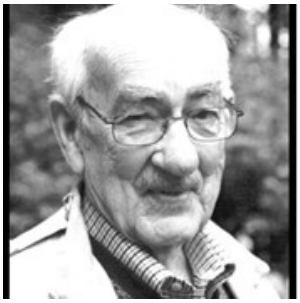
Jen Maguire



Jen Maguire is Associate Professor of Social Work at Cal Poly Humboldt. She is a founding member of Humboldt Oh SNAP! Student Food Programs and under the CSU's Basic Needs Initiative, has helped lead CSU basic needs research. Her research continues to examine sustainable solutions to building university students' basic needs security.

Franklyn D. Mahar
Associate Professor of History
History Department Chair, 1976

Donald Mahler
1924-2019



Donald Mahler was born in Hinsdale, Illinois Don was the oldest of three children to Bernhardt and Elsie Mahler. While serving as a pilot instructor during World War II Don met the love of his life, Mary V Curnutte. The two married on September 27th, 1945. Together they were happily married for almost 57 years. They settled in Arcata in 1968. Previous stops included California (North Highlands, Walnut Creek) and Texas (Snyder, Corpus Christi).

Don was successful early on in his pursuit of diverse interests, both professional and personal. While working various jobs including schoolteacher/ administrator and salesman Don was raising five children, meanwhile completing his Ph.D. from Berkeley/SF. Don, reaching the rank of Major, was a pilot during active/reserve duty in the Navy and Air Force for over 20 years. He built a house in Trinidad, developed many photography skills which he enjoyed sharing in local hospitals, libraries, and camera club events. He could take apart/fix anything mechanical – from watches to automobiles. He was the Director of California's Department of Special Education. Later Don joined Humboldt State University from 1968 until 1986 during which he held various positions including Professor in the Department of Psychology, Dean of the College of Behavioral & Social Sciences, while also securing funding grants for important work.

Kerri Malloy

Malloy teaches courses in the Humboldt State Native American studies department on colonialism and genocide. Yurok and Karuk by heritage, Malloy was born on the Oglala Lakota Reservation in South Dakota, but he grew up on the Quinault Indian Nation Reservation in Washington.

Janet K. Maloney

Instructor of Spanish in 1961. She was a teaching assistant at Northwestern University while working on her advanced degrees. She received her M.A. degree in and is now working toward her Ph.D. Her A.B. degree came from Ohio University, Athens.

Sharon Lou Maneck
1942-2024



She was born to Werner and Lucille (Seligman) Maneck on October 30, 1942, at St. Francis Hospital, Evanston, Illinois. Sharon attended Elementary, High School (Highland Park class of 1960) and college in Illinois. She received a Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology (Physical Education Teaching Certificate) with a minor in Art from CalPoly Pomona, CA (1967). For a few years she taught PE at Riverside High School in Southern California. Years later she went on to earn her Master's Degree from Humboldt State University, CA (1989). She was also the Administrative Support Coordinator for the Biological Sciences Department at HSU from 1987-2007 and was part of the support coaching staff of the HSU girls softball team.

James J. Maney

Assistant professor of education, has been a research fellow at the University of Oregon for the past two years while working on his Ph.D. He earned his Master of Education degree at the University and his B.S. degree from Portland State and taught in the Portland City Elementary school's system from 1956-59. Joined Humboldt staff in 1961.

Louis B. Marak, Jr.

Louis Marak was born in 1942 in Shawnee, Oklahoma. In 1965 he received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Crafts from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana. He earned a Master of Fine Arts degree in ceramics in 1967 from Alfred University in New York. From 1967 to 1969 he was an Instructor of Art at Keuka College in Keuka Park, New York. In the fall of 1969, he was hired as an Assistant Professor of Art at Humboldt State University in Arcata, California, where as a Professor of Art he taught ceramics for 37 years. During that time, he also served as the Art Department Chair from 1980 to 1983. In 2006 he retired from teaching and is currently a Professor Emeritus at Humboldt State University.

Jose Marin Jarrin



From Guayaquil, Ecuador but attended graduate school in Oregon, he has previously worked at the Charles Darwin Foundation (CDF) as a Senior Fisheries Ecologist and interim scientific coordinator. Jarrin's "research is geared towards high-use and/or low-information/data limited fisheries species, and towards the provision and analysis of vital early and adult life history data of fishes and invertebrates, especially with respect to impacts from local fishery pressures and climate change.

Frank W. Marks
-1995

Professor of Music and a member of Humboldt's music faculty from 1969. His emphasis was keyboards. He founded the Sequoia Chamber Music Workshop in 1972.

Sharyn B. Marks

Advisor for veterinary medicine; actively involved in amphibian research.

Earl Markwell Jr.

Dr. Markwell graduated from UCLA with a Ph.D. in 1955. His experience consists of two- and one-half years of internship in a VA hospital, five years teaching as Assistant Professor of clinical psychology at Tulsa U. and one year as Assistant Professor of the Department of Psychiatry at U. of Arkansas Medical School. Coming to Humboldt in 1959 the emphasis of his teaching was on hypnosis. Dr. Markwell is a member of the International Society for Experimental and Clinical Hypnosis and is certified by them for using hypnosis in clinical psychiatry.

Jennifer Marlow, J.D.



Marlow joined the faculty at Humboldt most recently from Alaska, where environmental law as it applies to the natural environment is being tested to the extreme. Major pieces of landmark wilderness are poised for oil and gas development. Shorelines and the structures they support are eroding. The world's most productive fisheries are threatened by major mining operations. Her approach to teaching environmental coursework at Humboldt is informed by years of footwork dancing around these challenges and also by the joys, disappointments, and connections that link Alaska's environmental issues to global-scale social, economic, political, and cultural challenges. Fundamentally, she takes a practical approach to deep questions tugging at the social consequences of a degraded global environment. As an advocate, she has applied multiple tools—litigation, community lawyering, non-profit community organizing, design, scenario planning, social art, entrepreneurship, and conflict resolution. These diverse approaches share one thing in common—a curious and careful questioning of assumed and official outcomes. Her overall approach to environmental problem solving invites a willingness to be surprised and cultivate an open mind.

Before arriving on campus, she provided legal counsel to nonprofits, community groups, and other clients on regulatory compliance, environmental, climate, administrative, and constitutional matters, and my teaching is an extension of my practice of law. Her law practice was shaped and influenced by the interdisciplinary complexities of environmental conflicts and the expertise of my colleagues in law, the sciences, social sciences, arts and humanities, and by affected communities facing the realities of unprecedented environmental change. She bring a unique expertise in climate law and climate adaptation, particularly in pre-disaster contexts, to the classroom—subjects about which she has presented and published in a wide variety of venues, in the U.S. and internationally.

Her past projects include: co-founding and running the climate justice nonprofit Three Degrees Warmer for a decade and co-chairing the Three Degrees Conference on the Law of Climate Change and Human Rights at UW Law School; serving as a probono attorney for Our Children's Trust's atmospheric trust legal campaign; and curating Re-Locate, an arts and research collective in support of a community-led relocation planning process in Kivalina, Alaska. She also co-owned Re-Locate LLC, a small business that developed relocatable infrastructure and sanitation services for rural Alaska.

Benjamin Marschke

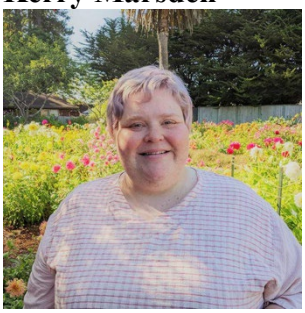


Benjamin was born in Houston, Texas and is the oldest of two. His preschool and elementary school years were spent in Rochester, Minnesota, and then his family moved to Sioux Falls, South Dakota when Ben was six years old. At thirteen, the Marschke family moved to Scottsdale, Arizona, where Ben finished his primary education. In middle school, Ben realized he had a knack for Social Studies, and described himself at that age as a "voracious reader." By high school, he concluded that he could be a historian, and European History stood out to Ben due to it being, "different, bonkers, weird, and strange." Benjamin received his B.A. at Santa Clara University, and when asked why he chose Santa Clara, he jokingly responded, "seventeen-year-olds make weird decisions," but he also noted that he wanted to go to a religious university of his denomination, and it had to be near the ocean. Santa Clara fit into the parameters that Benjamin expected for his entry into higher education, but he was surprised that the atmosphere did not feel more rigorous. In the fall of 1994, Ben was able to study for a semester abroad in Berlin. He lived in the neighborhood Prenzlauer Berg, which he equates to Hollywood or Venice Beach: a little grungy. This was Ben's first time traveling alone, but he found his time there to be fantastic. Ben stated that he took classes, traveled, and his German got better; he also recalls that the drinking culture in Europe was much more relaxed.

Following his B.A., Benjamin enrolled at the University of California, Los Angeles; he finally felt ready to live in Southern California. The faculty at UCLA was "dynamite," because the history department is one of the largest in the world, and it was a great resource. Ben found his time at UCLA to be intimidating, fascinating, and very stressful–he still has recurring nightmares of the stress. In the year 2000 while still in his doctoral program, Ben met his future wife, Marianne at the opera in Germany during intermission. In March 2001, they got married at the Elvis Chapel in Las Vegas, and a church wedding followed in August of that year. He states that getting married was one of the best things he has done in his life. While completing his doctoral degree, he lectured at UCLA, Loyola Marymount University, and East Los Angeles Community College. He says that this helped him prepare for working at Cal Poly Humboldt. The Marschkes moved to Montana after Ben received a position lecturing at the University of Montana in Billings. While he states that his time there was dismal, and he was seeking out a tenure track job, his daughter was born which was one of the more positive events that happened while living in Montana. Shortly after, Dr. Marschke received his position at Humboldt State University as the "European History guy." He recalls his transition to Humboldt as a very frantic time, as he had never been to the area before. As a professor at Humboldt State University, now Cal Poly Humboldt, Dr. Marschke enjoys lecturing and working with his students by creating a supportive but rigorous environment–stating that having high expectations leads to good work. While Dr.

Marschke enjoys his academic pursuits, he also likes to bike, boat, fish, hike, camp, and work on his Miata. He also describes himself as a gun enthusiast, saying that the science and physics of it is fun. He also enjoys the mechanics of weaponry–he likes to disassemble and reassemble his guns. He also makes his own ammunition and is most proud of his M-1 Carbine from the Second World War. With his wife he enjoys working on the house and in the garden together, they also like to travel and host dinner parties.

Kerry Marsden



Teaching since 2013, her reading and teaching interests include queer and crip theory, fat liberation, speculative fiction, and literacy studies. Beyond teaching she enjoys attempting to garden, playing role-playing games with friends, and spending time with my deeply obnoxious but equally loveable cats.

Rain Marshall



Rain Archambeau-Marshall, is Ihanktonwan (Yankton Sioux), Choctaw, Cherokee, Penobscot, Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux, and French. She graduated from Cal Poly Humboldt in 2000 with a Bachelor's of Science in Natural Resources Planning with Native American Perspectives on the Environment and a minor in American Indian Education. She was a member of the Indian Teacher Education and Personnel Program (ITEPP) and the Indian Natural Resources Science and Engineering Program (INRSEP). Rain received her Juris Doctorate from the University of South Dakota School of Law in 2003, with an emphasis in Federal Indian Law, Natural Resources Law, and Environmental Law.

Rain was selected by the American Civil Liberties Union as an Ira Glasser Racial Justice Fellow in 2004 teaching "Know Your Right's Workshops" on Indian reservations and urban centers in North and South Dakota. While with the ACLU, Rain assisted with an education discrimination lawsuit for Rosebud Sioux children. Rain also assisted her tribe in a lawsuit against the county to

protect the Reservation boundary from diminishment. Rain enjoys spending time with her two daughters and father and attending ceremonies in her homelands in South Dakota.
For the Yurok Tribe's legal department, Rain assisted in land acquisition. She also worked as a Public Defender for the Rosebud Sioux Tribe. Rain has taught Native American Studies, Critical, Race, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Ethnic Studies, English, Business, and Law courses at Sinte Gleska University, Ihanktonwan Community College, College of the Redwoods, and currently at Cal Poly Humboldt.

Rain's area of research is in Lakota plant knowledge and Lakota women in traditional Lakota society. She has taught various Native American Studies courses at Humboldt including: Environmental Justice, Tribal Justice Systems, Native American Perspectives in Natural Resources, Indigenous Peoples of the Americas, Native American Literature and Oral Tradition, Federal Indian Law and Introduction to Native American Studies. Rain is also currently teaching in the Critical, Race, Gender and Sexuality Studies Department including Ethnic Studies.
In the Fall of 2016, Rain was able to inform her NAS 306 class about events while live at Standing Rock NO DAPL with the water protectors. Rain has two daughters and enjoys Mother Earth, cooking organic food, and art projects. She travels often to her homelands in South Dakota for ceremonies and to be with family.

Lawrence N. Marx

Assistant professor of psychology. He received his B.S. and M.S. degrees from Kansas State College and his Ph.D. from Ohio State University. He joined the HSU staff as a psychology professor and coordinator of audio-visual aids in 1953.

Martin P. Mathiesen

Taught Health Education for elementary school teachers in 1944.

Franklin Matsler
1922-2021



Franklin Giles Matsler was one of the last surviving Army servicemen of World War II and a productive member of what Tom Brokaw has aptly described as the 'Greatest Generation.' Frank was born December 27, 1922 in Glendive, Montana, the 2nd of six siblings. Upon graduation from High School, he joined the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) where he became proficient in Morse Code and became the camp's Radio Operator. After nine months in the CCC, Frank enrolled at Montana State College (MSC) where he completed his freshman year before enlisting

in the US Air Corps and receiving flight training. He later transferred to the Army. After basic training at Fort Roberts, he was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant and sent to the Philippines. He rose to the rank of 1st Lieutenant and served the last nine months of WWII in Manila. After his discharge from the Army, Frank returned to MSC to continue his education and earn the degree of Bachelor of Science in Applied Science with major in Biology.

Frank began his career in education teaching high school in Missoula, MT and continued his own education by achieving a Master of Arts in Education from Montana State University. Frank and Lois moved to California where he continued teaching science and mathematics at the secondary level until 1955. He set the stage for his major life's work by further education-receiving a Ph.D. in Educational Administration and Higher Education from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1959. Subsequent to receiving his Ph.D., Frank served in California as Assistant Dean for Humboldt State College and Specialist in Higher Education with the California Coordinating Council for Higher Education.

Then, in 1968, Frank was recruited to serve as Executive Director for the Illinois Board of Regents System. The Board of Regents System initially had responsibility for Illinois State University and Northern Illinois University and subsequently established Sangamon State University (now part of the University of Illinois system). Frank retired from leading the Illinois Board of Regents after sixteen years and taught as Regency Professor of Higher Education at Illinois State University for three years. He was later called out of retirement to serve as Interim President of Sangamon State University for two months, and then as Chancellor of the Illinois Board of Regents during its final year of existence (1995-1996).

Justin Maxon

Justin Maxon is a photographer and educator who grew up on the Hoopa Reservation and in Eureka. He moved to Santa Cruz to attend Cabrillo College, where he had his first experience with photography in an academic setting. Teaching photography in the art department since 2022.

Linda Maxwell

Dance instructor

Jacqueline Mayrand



Clinical Coordinator & Staff Psychotherapist
Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist

Masters in Counseling in Depth Psychotherapy

Thomas Mays



Mays came to Humboldt in 2003 after spending five years teaching history at Quincy University in Illinois. He grew up in the Midwest and his family's traditional home in Virginia. He recently retired from the military after serving 25 years on active duty and reserves. He holds a Ph.D. from TCU in Fort Worth, TX, an M.A. from Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, VA and a B.A. from Roanoke College in Salem, VA. Currently teaching early American history, colonial through the Civil War. He is interested in the American Revolutionary and Civil War eras and have four books and several articles in print. He also has some film and television experience in working on the series "Washington's Generals" for the History Channel and in movies including Gettysburg and North and South Book II. In 2025, he is currently retiring.

Delores McBroome
1948-2024



Born July 2, 1948, to Jean and Harold Nason, Delores was the youngest and only daughter of two children. She graduated in the top 10 percent in her class from Eureka High School in 1966, earning the Bank of America award. She earned her Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees at what was then Humboldt State College. In 1976 Delores began her stellar career at Humboldt State University as a part-time lecturer in the History Department. Within a few years, she was also appointed to the position of secretary of the History Department. While working full time as department secretary and teaching as a part-time lecturer at both HSU and CR, she pursued her doctorate at the University of Oregon.

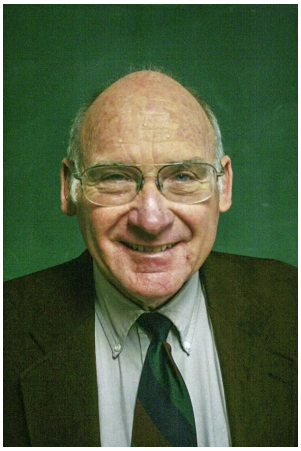
Upon completing her PhD, she received a tenure-track appointment in the History Dept. Her field was American History with specialties in California History, Labor History and Teacher Preparation. She served as Dept Chair and directed the History Day Project for many years. She

was the History Dept's representative to the American Indian Civics Project and had many connections with the local schools. She also taught in the Women's Studies Program and served as Program Leader before retiring in 2008.

Timothy H. McCaughey
1945-1989

Timothy was born in Oakland, attended San Francisco City College. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees at the University of Denver and a doctorate in finance in 1975 from the University of Colorado. He was appointed to the faculty of Humboldt State University in 1972. During his career at the university, he was promoted to full professor, appointed dean of academic planning and subsequently appointed director of business affairs and physical services. He also served as a consultant to the Arcata Economic Development Council and the Arcata Co-op.

Maclyn McClary
1936-2015



"Professor Mac", as he liked to be known, taught journalism at HSU for 45 years. He was a major force in the development of journalism education in Northwestern California. He joined the department when it had only a few majors and helped build it into a nationally recognized program. He was a supporter of an independent student newspaper, the department magazine, paid internships, and a new broadcast news curriculum. He was active in faculty governance. McClary was born in Oakland, CA on Nov. 29, 1936. He graduated from Pomona College with a degree in government and from UCLA with a master's in journalism. He was a daily newspaper reporter and news editor in Los Angeles before coming to Humboldt in 1967. Mac was recognized in 1984 as California Outstanding Journalism Professor of the year by the CNPA. He was also named to the Northern California Journalism and Broadcasting Hall of Fame and was honored by the HSU Disabled Students program, the HSU Library, and the General Faculty. He published widely and presented papers internationally, particularly as part of the University of South Carolina's First-Year Experience program. He was the author of the text, "Issues in Journalism." He was proud of his teaching evaluations, reflecting his reputation as one of HSU's favorite instructors. Mac officially retired in 2002 but continued to teach part-time and in the HSU OLLI program.

Sarah McClimon



A child of educators, Sarah McClimon grew up in beautiful Humboldt County. After studying Music Education at St. Olaf College where she received Bachelor of Music in Instrumental Music Education, Sarah moved to Hawaii and earned MA and PhD in Ethnomusicology at University of Hawaii, Manoa, with research in Japan supported by the Ministry of Education and Japan Foundation. She taught at College of Comparative Cultures, University of Tsukuba in Japan.Sarah taught band, choir and music technology at Fortuna High School and now teaches band, strings and jazz at Thomas S. Hart Middle School, Pleasanton CA. She was profoundly influenced by her music teachers, notably Mike and Ruth McClimon, Judi Sharnberg, Ray Souza, Timothy Mahr and Ricardo Trimillos."Teaching is a wonderful opportunity to be creative, inspire students and help them find joy in learning each day. As a world music specialist, I hope to foster appreciation for the many voices and musical styles in my classroom. Music education invites us to embrace our humanity and connect with one another."

Dylan McClure



BA in Criminology and Justice Studies, Humboldt State University, 2015
Masters of Social Work, Humboldt State University, 2017

Tyler McCraney



Biologist
Lecturer and Research Associate, 2022-2024

Alistair McCrone
1931-2023



Alistair McCrone was Cal Poly Humboldt's longest serving president (1974-2002), he left a lasting impact on the University and the North Coast.

Dr. McCrone was born on Oct. 7, 1931, in Saskatchewan, Canada. He did geologic field work in Canada during the summers while he was completing a B.S. at the University of Saskatchewan, an M.S. at the University of Nebraska, and his Ph.D. at the University of Kansas—graduating in 1961. After teaching and serving in administrative roles for 11 years at New York University, and four years as the Academic Vice President at the University of the Pacific, Dr. McCrone became the Humboldt State University president in 1974. In keeping with his passion and enthusiasm for teaching, and to remain connected with the students, he also taught several Geology classes while he was President.

During his presidency, Dr. McCrone guided the University through enrollment declines and budget constraints, oversaw the expansion of academic programs and cultural resources, led the construction of many now-familiar buildings and facilities, including Alistair McCrone Hall, and worked to improve community-university relations.

His focus on academic quality was evident, as was his commitment to strengthening connections between the University and the broader community. He was particularly known for walking the campus to engage with students and faculty, an aspect of his role that he relished.
The McCrones have been long-time supporters of various areas throughout the University—including the Geology department, the Library, Youth Educational Services, and others.
He helped establish the McCrone Promising Faculty Scholars Award and the Alistair and Judith McCrone Graduate Fellowship, which have benefited more than 50 faculty members and 20 graduate students.

Evelyn M. McCurdy

Mrs. Evelyn McCurdy, assistant professor of speech and drama, comes in 1957 from Wayne, Ind., where she was an instructor in speech while working on her Ph.D. She earned her MA degree from Leland Stanford University. Also serves as theater producer, and actress in theater, film and television.

Charles G. Mcdermid

CES Supervising Teacher
Active in the California Student Teachers Association in the 1950s

Russell William McGaughey
1939-2023



Russell graduated from Fort Hill High School, class of 1957. He played football and ran track for Coach William P. Hahn. Russell was a member of the Naval Reserve and served on active duty in 1958. He was a 1963 graduate of Frostburg State College, completed his Master of Art degree at Iowa State, and earned his Doctorate of English Literature from the University of Delaware in 1968. Dr. McGaughey was employed as an English Literature professor at Humboldt State University in Arcata, CA. In 1972, Dr. McGaughey received the Humboldt State Distinguished Teaching Award for his work. In 2009, he accepted the position of visiting foreign professor at Guanxi University, Guilin, China.

Reece J. McGee
1929-2021



Reece J. McGee was born on October 19, 1929 in St. Paul, MN to the late Reece J. McGee and Vivian J. McGee. Reece graduated from The University of Minnesota having earned a Bachelors in 1952, Masters in 1953, and PhD in 1956. He served in the US Army during the Korean War. On December 2, 1978, Reece married Sharron A. Onken in Winamac, IN. She preceded him in death on October 26, 2011. Reece was a retired professor of Sociology from Purdue University. He spent his entire professional life in higher education, which he dearly loved. His first academic job was at Humboldt State College in California in the fall of 1956. A year later, he joined the sociology department at the University of Texas, where he was an assistant professor from 1957 to 1961 and an associate professor from 1961 to 1964. He later accepted an offer from Purdue Universitys Department of Sociology and Anthropology, where he spent the next 28 years as a full professor. He was head of the department from 1987 to 1992 and retired in 1995. As one of only two people ever designated a Master Teacher at Purdue, he taught large classes of introductory sociology (classes that were so engaging they were broadcast onPurdues public radio station.). In 1995, Purdues School of Liberal Arts granted him its Award for Educational Excellence, and a year later, Purdues board of trustees created the Reece McGee Distinguished Professorship. In 1999, Reece was in the first class of professors to be honored in Purdues Book of Great Teachers.

Patrick H. McGlynn

Chair of the Education Department, 1972
Retired in 1982

Justin N. McIntyre
Instructor of Journalism in 1953

Myrtle Mckittrick
Humboldt State Registrar
Published Vallejo, Son of California in 1944

Lucy Mclane

Director of Dramatic Arts
Began debating squad in the Fall 1930

Lanny McLoney
1937-2018



Lanny "Jason" McLoney was born on May 24th, 1937 to Wirt and Sarah McLoney in Gunnison, Colorado. Jason was the middle child with his older sister, Nancy, and his younger brother, Steve. He graduated from High School in San Diego, California and went on to proudly serve an LDS Mormon mission in the North Eastern States, primarily New York. On December 23rd, 1961 he married his loving wife Trina Mariel Phister in the LDS Temple in Los Angeles, California.
Jason had a passion for education. He attended Brigham Young University, and ultimately received his PhD from UCLA. He spent his early years teaching high school and college in California, and much of his career at Humboldt State University in Arcata, California as both Professor and Department Chair in Industrial Arts and Technology. He enjoyed running the shot clock and the down markers for Humboldt's basketball and football teams. Jason served many years on the Humboldt County Board of Education as an elected official. He spent time as Dean at Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Missouri before retiring in Sandy, Utah.

Timothy J. McMillian

Lecturer in anthropology and ethnic studies. He received his PhD from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Madeline McMurray

Has M.F.T. and PhD, lecturer in religious Studies has conducted counseling and psychological services on campus and in Eureka in the 1980s.

James McNelis



Dr. Jmaes I. McNelis, Jr. was born in Centralia, Pennsylvania, he grew up in Plainfield, New Jersey, attending Union College, Roselle, New Jersey, and Columbia College, New York City, before enlisting in the Coast Guard as World War II began, training at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut. He served on the SS Machias largely in the South Pacific during World War II as Lieutenant JG. He received his MA and PhD in English from Columbia, teaching at Brooklyn College, Stanford University and, beginning in 1956, Humboldt State University (then College), Arcata, from which he retired in 1981. He acted in the Arcata Community Players for several seasons; he taught night classes at the Coast Guard (Crescent City). He spent a Fulbright year at Haceteppe University in Ankara, Turkey.

James Mearns
Professor of Music

A graduate of Oberlin College and the University of Michigan, Mearns holds a Master of Music degree from the latter school. He also studied with the Christiansen Choral school, the University of Louisville, and privately with Thor Johnson and Joseph Bonnet of Grand Rapids, Michigan. Mearns was secretary of the Research Council of the Sectional Conference in 1951. Led the electrification of the college pipe organ in 1960.

Robin Meiggs
Emeritus



Robin Meiggs, a stalwart of Cal Poly Humboldt Women's Rowing Program for nearly three decades, is celebrated as one of the University's most successful coaches. Commencing with the program as a club team, Meiggs transformed Cal Poly Humboldt Rowing into a consistent NCAA DII contender. Her tenure witnessed remarkable achievements, including two NCAA championships (2012, 2014), five top-three finishes at the NCAA Championships, and six conference championships.

Beyond her coaching duties, Meiggs was an active member of the University Senate, serving as Union President and Faculty Rights Chair of the Cal Poly Humboldt chapter of the California Faculty Association. Her influence extended to national bodies, participating in the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports and the NCAA's Regional Advisory Committee and National Advisory Committee. In addition to her coaching prowess, Meiggs taught classes in Kinesiology, embodying a holistic approach to athletics and academics. Synonymous with Cal Poly Humboldt Rowing, Meiggs' legacy transcends championships, resonating as an inspiring mentor and role model to countless student-athletes and coaches. Her impact echoes far beyond the shores of success, creating a lasting impression on the collegiate rowing community.

Gayle Melendy

Joined the Business Administration department in 1968. Computer information systems department chairman in 1983.

Lena Mellon
1925-2017



Lena Mae Taylor Mellon Walashek was born June 28, 1925 in Weitchpec Elementary School, in Weitchpec, Ca. to Lena Alice Henry Louden Taylor and Daniel Wentworth Taylor. Native American Foster Parents, Denny and Minnie Shaffer, raised Lena in Trinidad. Lena attended Trinidad Elementary, Arcata high School. University of California Los Angeles, and graduated from Humboldt State University in 1964 with a MBA and California Teaching/Administration Credential. Lena was in the United States Navy from 1942-1945, stationed as a Recruiter in Hollywood, Ca. Lena embraced her love of teaching and not only taught at Fortuna Union High School from 1965-1992, but also taught summer school here in Eureka for Eureka City School. Lena also taught classes at College of the Redwoods and Humboldt State University during this time. Lena continued with her education attending Arizona State University from 1972-1974. She also spent a year working on her doctorate degree at Oxford University, studying education and sharing American Teaching techniques. Lena retired from teaching at Fortuna Union High School in June of 1992.

Gary W. Melton
1952-2005

Journalism and Mass Communications professor responsible for the student run radio station KRFH. Gary was born October 20th, 1952, in Murray, Kentucky. He graduated from Murray State University, Kentucky, with a BA in 1974, a MS in 1975 and a SCT in 1976 all in radio, television, and journalism. In 1980 he earned his PhD from Bowling Green State University (Ohio).
Gary began his work career in radio in 1971, in Murray, Kentucky, and his teaching career at Lincoln Memorial University, Tennessee, in 1976. He also taught at Bowling Green State and Western Carolina University, North Carolina. In 1982 he joined the faculty of the radio-tv department at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro, Arkansas.
In May 1989, Gary received the prestigious "Excellence in Teaching Award" as the professor of the year for the State of Arkansas. He was most gratified that he was nominated for the highly coveted award by his students. Besides other honors, Gary also had numerous publications including a video documentary "One of a Kind" now in the Film and Video archive of the

Smithsonian Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C. Gary also made presentations to innumerable conventions and symposiums throughout the U.S., Canada, Germany, and Austria. He was invited to participate in the Annenberg program in Washington, D.C., the Gannet Center at Columbia University, NY, and the International Technology Conference in Ilmenau, Germany, among others.
In the fall of 1989, Gary came to Humboldt State University. He was a tenured full professor in the Journalism and Mass Communication Department at the time of his death. Gary also taught in the fall of 1996 at Bielefeld Universitaet in Germany. His list of accomplishments could fill pages. But the love of his professional life was the students and HSU's student-run Radio Station KRFH-AM which he started in 1990. His legacy will remain in the many lives he positively influenced both academically and personally. His former students are spread across the country from the NY Times to CNN to the local media. Gary also loved music especially the Beatles. He was part of the local band called "The Mad River Project" which is completing a CD.

Farris Ray Meredith
1929-1990

Meredith was born in Denver Colorado. He received his doctorate from Washington State University. He began his career at HSU in 1963 as a botany professor, returning in 1966 after a brief teaching stint in New Mexico. His emphasis was in plant physiology. He was the chairman of the Greenhouse Committee.

Michael R. Mesler



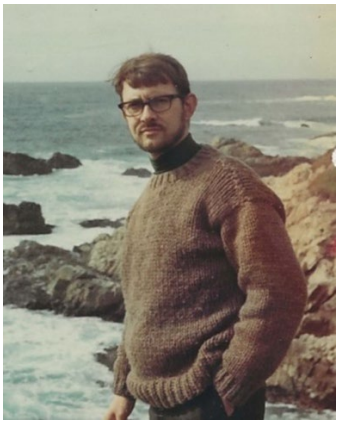
Humboldt State Botany professor with a focus in plant pollination and the biology of ferns. Awarded Outstanding professor in 1997.

John Meyer



John M. Meyer is professor in the department of politics at Humboldt State University in Arcata, California. At Humboldt he is also affiliated with interdisciplinary programs in environmental studies and "Environment and Community," for which he served as founding coordinator. He received his PhD in political science, with emphasis on political theory and environmental politics, from the University of Wisconsin–Madison. Meyer is the author of *Political Nature: Environmentalism and the Interpretation of Western Thoug*ht (MIT Press, 2001), co-editor of *The Environmental Politics of Sacrifice* (MIT Press, 2010), and has published articles in journals including *Environmental Politics, Journal of Political Philosophy, Political Theory,* and *Polity.*
Meyer is a founder of the international discussion group and annual workshop on "Environmental Political Theory." At the Rachel Carson Center, he worked on a book manuscript exploring ways in which large-scale material practices in society—including use of land, reliance upon automobiles, and dwelling in homes—can create opportunities as well as constraints for arguments regarding sustainability**.**

Richard John Meyer
1940-2025



Richard John "Dick" Meyer was born in Port Townsend WA on January 3, 1940, to Harold and Helen Meyer, his early days were surrounded by the intensity of World War II, as well as its subsequent ending, and the beginning of a new era in America. "Dick", as he was known, along with sisters Marjorie and Judy, were raised in the Wedgewood neighborhood of north Seattle. His mother Helen was a nurse educator, and his father Harold played various educational roles at Garfield High School in central Seattle. These included being a Civil War history teacher, a P.E. coach, and Jimi Hendrix's guidance counselor in the late 1950s. Harold was the last person to

talk to Jimi at Garfield before he left school for good. He said, “Jimi, you have to come to school.” Jimi was quiet and shy, and just politely left the room. And that was that.

Dick loved the Sciences early and had a voracious appetite for reading and learning. He also was an athlete, excelling in the medium distance races of Track and Field. He competed at both Roosevelt High School and the University of Washington, winning multiple Varsity letters at UW. He also served in the Army Reserve as a Medic at Ft. Lewis, south of Seattle. Dick graduated from Roosevelt in 1958 and UW in 1962, then heading to Palo Alto CA for Graduate Studies at Stanford University.

His wife, then Paulette Ann Merrill, was by his side for more than 60 years. Meeting at Stanford in 1962, Dick was a Graduate Instructor in Paulette's Freshman Biology class. Their love was immediate, and they were married the 9th of January 1965, at the Palo Alto Methodist Church. Dick's Graduate studies took the newlyweds on adventures all over the California and Washington coasts, studying Marine Science and Microbiology.

Dick completed his 1968 Ph.D. dissertation from Stanford in the genotyping of Pacific coastal abalone. Genotyping was an early precursor to DNA science, which would come shortly thereafter. Also in 1968, Dick accepted a Professor position at Humboldt State University (HSU) in Arcata CA. Now renamed Cal Poly Humboldt, the University today still maintains outstanding departments of Environmental, Biological, and Marine Sciences. Dick's career spanned 30 years in various instructor roles in Biology, Zoology and Microbiology Sciences, serving as Biology Department Chair twice. Together Dick and Paulette also taught a popular course on The History of Biology.

Larry D. Miles

Assistant Professor of Journalism from 1965 into the 1970s. Co-Chairman of the National Council of College Publications Advisors.

Lyman C. Miles

Lyman Miles was named Audio-Visual Coordinator for HSC on 1955 and will teach audio-visual courses in the department of education and psychology, and photography Courses. After receiving his bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota, Miles was for the five years manager of a photography firm in Minneapolis, then went back to the University of Minnesota for his master’s degree and graduate study toward the doctorate.

Ivan C. Milhous

Dr. Milhous was the coordinator of summer sessions and extension professor of education, and now takes the title of dean of educational services in the early 1950s. Dr. Milhous became dean of educational services and summer school in Fall 1954. His degrees include an AB from Penn College, MA from Haverford College and Ph. D from State University of Iowa besides additional study at other institutions.

Madge Marilyn Miller

Born and raised in Michigan, completing her education at the University of Michigan receiving a BA in English, and a MA in library science in 1958. Before coming to Humboldt State she worked in the business administration library at the University of Michigan.

William C. Miller

Humboldt State University Geology Professor William C. Miller III is a member of the editorial board and an associate editor of the new journal Evolution: Education and Outreach, a quarterly magazine devoted to expanding the knowledge and teaching of evolutionary theory to a wide audience.

Joan Mills
1927-2019

Joan Mills received her M.A. from Columbia University Teachers College. Mills taught and performed at Humboldt State University in the early 1960s, Royal Winnipeg Ballet Company, and the University of Oklahoma. In 1975, Joan joined the faculty of Santa Monica College as head of the Piano Program and for eight years was Chairman of the Music Department. Joan retired from teaching at 80.

Demetrios Mitsanas
Assistant Professor of Art teaching art history courses trained and specializing in Ancient Greek art.



Demetrios Mitsanas - The Myth of Persephone, 2003 acrylic on canvas | Isak Brayfindley

Philp John Mohan III
1934-2023



Phil finished High School at Cantwell High School in Montebello, where he was mistaken for a New York gangster on the first day because of his suit and tie. After graduating at 15 he worked a series of low-level jobs, taken only to finance cars and their repair—a passion that would stick with him to the end. At his job in a foundry, he met a Hungarian refugee, who recognized Phil's intellect. He encouraged Phil to go to college. After two starts at Citrus Junior College in Glendora, California, Phil discovered a love of learning, especially in the field of philosophy. His hand/eye coordination -- honed by stick ball in New York -- transferred to baseball at Citrus College, which led to his recruitment by Redlands University, on an athletic scholarship, where he completed his BA in Philosophy and Psychology in 1957.
Phil was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1957, and he was very proud to have served. He often reminisced in later years about his two years of active service and his succeeding years in the national guard. After his discharge, Phil pursued a graduate degree at Claremont Graduate School and received a Ph.D. in Psychology in the summer of 1967. The following year, he had a post-doctorate fellowship at the Institute of Child Development at the University of Minnesota, working with leaders in that field.
After completing his postdoctoral fellowship, Phil accepted an assistant professor position in psychology at Humboldt State College in Arcata, CA. 1971, Phil accepted an assistant professor position in psychology at the University of Idaho in Moscow, ID. Phil always thought the move to Idaho was a lucky break. Although it took a while to adjust to small town life, he grew to love Moscow and the University. He was a faculty member there for 28 years. Phil was an animated, funny, and popular professor who was known to be a hard grader. Many former students fondly remember his child development classes. Just after the inception of the medical education program at UI/WSU, known as WWAMI, Phil began teaching "Systems of Human Behavior" to medical students. His teaching and student interaction in both the psychology and WWAMI programs were his greatest joy.

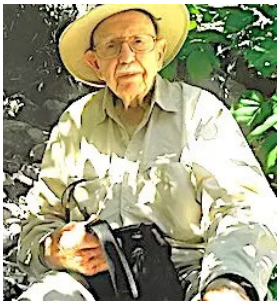
Linda Mohr

Superintendent of Music in Pasadena city schools in the late 1920s. She taught music at Humboldt State in 1929-1930 during a leave of absence.

Martin Mondrus
-2020

Taught art in the mid 1950s after receiving his bachelor's degree at Los Angeles State College in 1953, and master's in fine arts from Claremont Graduate School before leaving to teach at Glendale College.

Charles L. Moon
1922-2017



Charles was raised on a cotton farm near Altus, Oklahoma. He taught himself to play the piano by watching the keys while pumping the pedals on the player piano at age 3. Charles earned two bachelor of arts degrees from the University of Oklahoma in piano performance and music theory. After teaching two years at Wyland Baptist college in Texas he went to earn his master's degree in music theory at Eastman School of music in 1952.
He started work on his doctorate at Eastman but took a year off to teach piano, music theory and composition at Humboldt State College. One year stretched into many and he retired in 1989 after a long and rewarding academic career. He learned to play the harp one summer which he taught and soloed with the Humboldt Orchestra.
Charles was a World War II veteran and a professor emeritus at Humboldt State University.

Gertrude Mooney

Dr. Gertrude Mooney, assistant professor of physical education, coming to Humboldt in 1961 from the University of Miami, Fla., where she has been a professor of health and physical education since 1947. She formerly was an instructor of modern dance at the Juilliard School of Music, N.Y., and is a nationally recognized authority on modern dance techniques in education. During World War II she served as Chief Physical Therapist in England, France and the U.S

Jerrold Moore

Instructor of Music in the early sixties, conducting the wind ensemble. Also, teaching at the College of the Redwoods.

Martin Morgan

Art professor and the gallery director of the Reese Bullen Gallery in the 1980s and 1990s. Promoted several women art exhibitions including Women Photographers of Humboldt County and Behind the Redwood Curtain.

Saeed Mortazavi



Mortazavi has degrees in economics and politics serving as chair and professor of business administration. He has served as president of the Academic Senate in 2010. Led student educational trip to Switzerland in 2008. Received Outstanding Service Award in 2010/2011.

Archie Mossman

Assistant professor of game management beginning in the early 1960s. Received a Fulbright grant to work in Rhodesia (Zimbabwe). He formerly was a biologist with the Alaska Fish and Game commission, Juneau. He received his B.A. from the University of Wisconsin, came to the University of California, Berkeley, for his M.A., then returned to Wisconsin University for his doctorate. He served in the US Navy from 1944-1946.

Cynthia Moyer



Cindy Moyer, was born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. She began her violin studies at the age of six, at first with her mother, Carolyn Moyer, and later in the Philadelphia area with Linda Wear Fiorre. Her education continued at the Eastman School of Music where she studied with Gerardo Ribiero, Catherine Tait and William Preucil while earning a B.M., M.M. and D.M.A in performance and a M.A in Music Theory.

Currently Cindy is a Professor of Music at Cal Poly Humboldt in Arcata, CA, where she teaches violin, viola, and music theory. Prior to moving to California, Cindy had taught at the Bethwood Suzuki School in New Haven, CT, and Eastern Illinois University. In the summertime, she has taught at the Sequoia Chamber Music Workshop, the Humboldt Chamber Music Workshops, Camp Encore/Coda (in Sweden, ME) and Appel Farm Arts and Music Center (Elmer, NJ). Cindy's current performance activities are varied, from solo recitals to various chamber music projects and concerto appearances with the Lancaster, Eureka, and Humboldt Symphonies. A recent concerto review in the Lancaster Sunday News states that "Moyer's playing approached flawless achievement in her execution, with inpeccable intonation and an attractive, tuneful approach to the phrasing." Her orchestral performance experiences include playing in the Rochester Philharmonic, the New Haven Symphony, the Sinfonia da Camera (Urbana, IL), the Mendocino Music Festival orchestra, and summer workshops with the National Repertory Orchestra, the National Orchestral Institute, and the Festival-Institute at Round Top.

In addition to her performance activities, she serves as a clinician and adjudicator for pre-college students, is a frequent presenter at the California Music Educators Conference, and has served as president of the California Orchestra Directors Association. She is also the author of the Scales and Arpeggios with Shifting Practice for Violin, Scales and Arpeggios with Shifting Practice for Viola, and has co-authored the American String Teachers Association String Syllabus.
In her free time, Cindy enjoys travel, museums, hiking, camping, canoeing, stargazing, birding, reading, juggling, and attending theater, dance and music performances.

Harley Muilenberg

Taught for 43 years, 32 years at Humboldt retiring in 2015. Many of his students became members of his Mad River Transit jazz singers since the 1980s performing jazz, be-bop and blues.

Colleen Mullery

Colleen joined Cal Poly Humboldt in 1984 as a full-time lecturer. After receiving her Ph.D. in System Science Management from Portland State, she returned for a tenure-line position in the Department of Business and Economics. As a faculty member, Colleen served as a Department Chair, Academic Senate Chair, and CFA Faculty RightsChair before moving to an administrative role in 2005. Mullery is involved with College of the Redwoods' Board of Trustees.

Timothy Mulligan

Tim completed a B.S. in Biology at the University of Vermont, M.S. in Biology at the University of Central Florida, Ph.D. in Marine Sciences at the University of Maryland and postdoc at the University of Washington prior to joining the faculty at Cal Poly Humboldt in 1989. Tim Mulligan is a Professor Emeritus in the Department of Fisheries Biology at Cal Poly Humboldt. In addition to the ecology of rocky reef fishes, his recent research has involved: the ecology of young-of-the-year rockfish found in eelgrass beds, the rocky intertidal and subtidal kelp beds; the abundance and distribution of subtidal sandy-bottom fishes; and the food habits of sandy beach fishes. Tim worked with stake holders in identifying MPAs along the north coast from 2012 to

2013. With collaborators, he conducted baseline monitoring of MPAs located in estuaries, along sandy beaches and over nearshore rocky reefs (2014-2016). He joined the California Cooperative Fisheries Research Program (CCFRP) in 2017.

Kathy Denise Munoz
1951-2024



Born on July 13, 1951, in Billings, Montana, she was the beloved wife of Richard Munoz for 50 years. After her graduation from Flathead High School in Kalispell, Montana, Kathy pursued higher education, attaining a Bachelor of Arts degree in home economics, clothing and textiles from the University of Montana. It was there that she met her future husband, Richard. Kathy furthered her education by earning a Master of Science in nutrition and exercise physiology from Oregon State University, and a Doctor of Education in education administration from the University of Southern California. For thirty years, Kathy was a professor of nutrition at California Polytechnic State University – Humboldt. During her career, Kathy served as chair of the Department of Kinesiology and Recreation Administration and as associate dean of the College of Professional Studies. She also contributed to published research and co-authored books, including several editions of a college-level nutrition textbook. Kathy served her community in many ways. She participated in Distinguished Young Women, formerly known as America's Junior Miss, for over 30 years. Kathy served as the Montana State Junior Miss Program Choreographer; the Southern Humboldt Junior Miss Program Director for nearly 20 years; and a program judge throughout California. She was also inducted into the California Junior Miss Hall of Fame for her contributions to the program. Kathy also served as a member of the school board and local booster clubs, and as a volunteer nutrition counselor.

William Forbes Murison
1927-2021

Bill was born January 26, 1927, in Glasgow, Scotland to parents Jean Black Swan, a seamstress, and Forbes Murison, an architect. After serving in the Royal Navy for two years, Bill started his college education in 1947 at Edinburgh University. He received his Bachelor of Science in Forestry in 1951 from the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada then returned to Scotland to marry Ailsa "Eve" Cameron. They were wed in Saint Andrews on September 29, 1951, and within a few weeks they said farewell to family and friends to start their new life in British Columbia. Bill greatly valued education and went on to further his studies receiving a

scholarship to Harvard University where he obtained his master's degree in forestry in 1956. He then returned to the University of British Columbia and completed his Ph.D in 1960.

Over the course of his lifetime Bill lived many places, always believing that relocating provided an opportunity to learn about a new area and opened the door to new friendships. Bill worked as a Forester in Nakusp, British Columbia, a small town that was always near and dear to his heart. He worked as a biologist for Harvard University, held the positions of Professor of Forestry, Dean of Public Services, and Dean of Continuing Education at Humboldt State University. He served as President of Selkirk College in Castlegar, British Columbia, Associate Vice President of Cal State University Fullerton, and Director of the Los Angeles Basin Educational Liaison.

It was Humboldt County, however, where Bill spent the majority of his life and where he chose to retire. He loved Humboldt County, the environment, and the people. He enjoyed the challenges and opportunities of his work with the community. In the 1970s and 80s he had a hand in establishing community programs such as the Open Door Clinic and United Indian Health Services, and was involved with organizations such as the United Way, The Humboldt Library Board and Foundation, the Boy Scouts of America, the First Presbyterian Church of Eureka, the First Presbyterian Church of Blue Lake, the North Coast Scottish Society, the Arcata Chamber of Commerce, and the McKinleyville Chamber of Commerce to name a few. Bill gave generously of his time and talents volunteering for many organizations in the area.

George E. Murphy

English Prof. George Murphy, President of the California State Association of English Teachers, and director of the National Council of Teachers of English in the early 1940s. He received his master's degree from Stanford in 1937 and began teaching at Menlo Junior College near Palo Alto before coming to Humboldt. He left Humboldt in 1947 to become Director of the Reading Clinic at Pennsylvania State College.

James E. Musick

Received his MA from Long Beach State College, assistant professor of industrial arts and freshman football coach from 1962-1965.

Dennis Musselman

Assistant Professor of Education-Psychology teaching Human Sexuality. He was a research assistant at Pacific State Hospital.

Charlie Myers
1938-2023

Department of Theater, Film and Dance
Charles (Charlie) Robert Myers went to Western Maryland College where he studied Mathematics, English and Education and received his degree in Mathematics. Charlie was the first in his family to go to college. His passion for English led him to Theatre Arts. He went to the University of Iowa, where he received his MA in 1962 and PhD in 1971 in Theatre Arts. His MA thesis was The Early Plays of Eugene O'Neill: A Critical Study; his Doctoral thesis was titled Game Structure in Selected Plays.

Charlie taught in Missouri at Tarkio College, a church-supported school. Eyebrows were raised when Charlie directed "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" Charlie came to Humboldt State College to teach Theatre Arts and Film History in 1969. He always laughed about being hired in a bar on the Arcata Plaza. Humboldt became Humboldt State University soon after. He was a gifted teacher, whose love and understanding of contemporary theater inspired colleagues as well as students. He mentored many wonderful students and left lasting impressions on them. Charlie enjoyed directing plays throughout his career.

Charlie taught Directing, Theory and Criticism and Film History. He was pleased when he was able to show films to his class at the historic Minor Theatre thanks to former student David Phillips, co-owner of the Minor. Students thought this would be an easy class, but were they surprised when they had to write academic papers on the films they saw.

Charlie was chair of the Theatre Arts Department twice and was an Academic Senator as well as Academic Senate Chair from 1977-1978. He was a member of the Six Rivers Runners Club for years and enjoyed 10ks, half marathons and recreational running, was a past member of the Jane Austen Society and was on Toby and Jack's dart team. Charlie loved teaching his students.
In 1994, Charlie went on sabbatical to London where he studied Harold Pinter's papers at the British Museum. He was excited to find in the papers that Pinter had written a diary for Emma, a character in his play "Betrayal," one of several Pinter plays Charlie had directed.

Charlie's love of classical music lead him and his friend, Jerry Sattinger, to live in London on two occasions. On their second trip to London, he would write of their experiences to a group of friends — one of whom was Judy Hodgson, who asked him to write movie reviews for her North Coast Journal when he returned. Thus, Charlie became "Charlie in Filmland" in June of 2003. When he retired from Filmland in September of 2011, he wrote his last column, "Charlie Says Farewell":

Harold Ralph Myers
1933-2025



Harold was born in Francis, Saskatchewan, Canada to Ralph and Janet Myers. The Depression of the 1930's caused an exodus of out of work families into California. The family settled in Greenville, CA where Harold spent his entire childhood. He was a conscientious student, enjoyed playing in the high school band, and excelled playing basketball and baseball.

Before pursuing a college degree, he served 4 years in the U.S. Coast Guard during the time of the Korean War, and then 4 years in the C.G Reserves. He then returned to Chico State College and earned a Life Sciences, Department of Education, BA. It was at Chico that he met and married Terry McGowan (divorced 1993). From Chico State to U of Maryland, he continued working as a teaching assistant and received his Master's Degree in P.E. and then moved to Coalinga, CA where he taught math and science. This was followed by teaching at West Valley Community College before moving on to Humboldt State University as a professor in the Health and Sciences Department and coach of baseball. He completed his Doctorate in Higher Education from U. C Berkeley. After working ten years at HSU, he decided to pursue a career as a Real Estate Broker with Babich and Tonini Realty.

Ken Kaoru Nakamura

Professor Emeriti, Humboldt Department of Social Work from 1991-2008, is currently the Project Coordinator and Field Coordinator of San Diego State's School of Social Work Title IV-E Program.

Jack B. Netcher

A former major league baseball player has been appointed assistant professor of health and physical education. Dr. Netcher received the Bachelor of Science degree from Carson-Newman College, the Master of Science degree from the University of Tennessee, and the doctor of health and safety degree from Indiana University joined Humboldt State education department in 1957.

Steve Newman
1942-2025



Steve was born in Evansville, Indiana on November 13, 1942. Son of Morton, a lawyer and later judge, and Babette, whose family lived across the Ohio River in Henderson, Kentucky, Steve would spend his life near rivers, oceans, creeks and other bodies of water, often most content simply sitting near them. He and his sister Nancy ("the only person I've known my entire life") had, in many ways, a typical 1950s midwestern childhood, but they would each find their way out of Indiana, separately moving around the country and world, but were never far from one another, both eventually landing in California in the 1970s and remaining a major part of each other's lives till the end. A lifelong science enthusiast, Steve often joked that as a kid he dreamed of becoming a nuclear physicist, but because of pronunciation issues due to a lisp, he decided to pursue a career in law like his father instead.

Graduating high school in 1960, Steve then attended Indiana University. In Bloomington, Indiana in the early '60s, he found a countercultural scene that included many friends that he would remain close to for the rest of his life. He discovered much of the music and literature that he was so passionate about during these years. Still, he graduated with a degree in economics and left for Cornell to attend law school.

It turned out, the law wasn't his thing. After a couple attempts at law school, he spent much of the 1960s trying to figure out what was. He moved to Washington D.C. and got a job in the Labor Department. He went back to Indiana and got his master's degree in media studies, a relatively new field. (He would claim his thesis on Marshall McLuhan was the shortest in university history, a legacy of brevity and mystery of which he was very proud.) He worked at ABC news in New York during the moon landing, taking a weekend off to attend Woodstock, which he left after a few hours. He never liked crowds.

In the early 1970s he found his way to California, attending UCLA in pursuit of a Ph.D and joining the Coast Guard. After his honorable discharge from the Coast Guard, he traveled up the coast for a summer to escape the crowds of LA and visit a friend from his Bloomington days who was now a professor at Humboldt State University. He never left. Finding a small house on the Pacific Ocean in the town of Trinidad ("An incredible beach, a real dream spot… 55 dollars a month!" he'd write to his parents), he got a job at HSU in the media department. He remained in the department for more than 30 years retiring in 2004. In the media department he found his thing: he loved being a detached observer behind the lens of the camera and the editing process, during which one's choices of inclusion and omission are vital in telling the larger story. In Humboldt is also where the long story of his early life ends and the simple, more important one begins.

William Charles Nicholls

Nicholls studied piano and harmony under William Sherwood of the Sherwood Music School, Chicago; he was one of the advanced artist students under Guy Maier, Leopold Godowsky and Alfred Mirovitch expanded the music department in the mid 1930s.

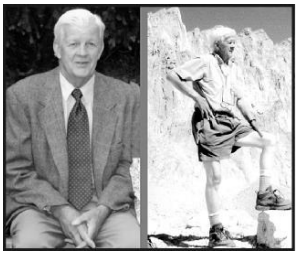
Richard Niclai

Physical education professor, serving as basketball coach in the 1960 and 1970s, and athletic director from 1982-1985.

Doris Niles

Instructor of General Science offering courses in marine biology, ornamental plants and natural science in the late 1930s through the late 19450s. She did her graduate work at Stanford.

Allan Eugene Nilson
1931-2017



He graduated the University of Washington in 1954 working for Western Timber Services and became a licensed Professional Land Surveyor in 1960. He joined the Department of Forestry at Humboldt State in the early 1970s and taught part-time for fourteen years.

Jack Norton
1933-

Associate Professor of Ethnic Studies, program leader of Native-American studies in the 1970s through the 1990s. Wrote groundbreaking book Genocide in Northwestern California in 1979.

Eugene Novotney

HSU music professor Eugene Novotney a renowned percussionist directed the HSU Percussion Ensemble and the HSU Calypso Band since 1986.

Dennis J. O'Connor
1936-2024



O'Connor was awarded a scholarship to Fairleigh Dickinson University and graduated with a bachelor's degree in history in 1960. He went on to get his Ph.D. in economics from the New School for Social Research in 1967. During his career as a professor, he held faculty appointments at Arizona State University, University of San Francisco, Humboldt State and Cal State Fullerton, where he served as a professor for 27 years. He spent 11 of those years as chair of the Department of Finance.

Jeff O'Connor

Health and physical education professor and GLBSA adviser teaching Latin dance and Mexican Folklorico dance classes teaching at the college since the mid 1980s.

Tharon O'Dell

Part-time forestry professor in the 1970s teaching dendrology and regional silviculture.

Alison O'Dowd



Professor of Ecological Restoration received her BS in Environmental Science at the University of Oregon and PhD at UC Berkeley. She is the co-director of the River Institute at CalPoly Humboldt. Dr. Alison O'Dowd received a grant from the California Wildlife Conservation Board to support research into salmonid food webs in the Klamath River.

Whitney Ogle



Associate Professor in Kinesiology receiving her Bachelors at the University of Puget Sound, Masters and PhD at Indiana University focused on understanding the relationship between cannabis and human movement. She is a member of the Humboldt Institute of Interdisciplinary Marijuana Research (HIIMR) since 2017 and have served as co-director of HIIMR since 2021.

Gary Okihiro
1945-2024



Gary was a teacher, mentor, activist, and friend to several generations of scholars. He was a vital presence and powerful influence in the building of the Association and of the field itself. He was part of the generation that not only established and expanded the field but also argued for Asian American studies to be a critical part of the academy. Professor Okihiro was a past president of AAAS in 1985-87. In the 1990s, he led the effort to establish the Journal of Asian American Studies, the Association's flagship journal, and served as the journal's founding co-editor.
At the time of his death, Professor Okihiro was visiting professor of American Studies and Ethnicity, Race, and Migration at Yale University. Before Yale, he taught at Columbia University and Cornell University, where he helped to found the first program in Asian American studies in the Ivy League. For many years, the program served as the AAAS secretariat. Professor Okihiro began his career on the West Coast, teaching at Humboldt State University and Santa Clara University.

Professor Okihiro authored and edited 13 books that shaped the field of Asian American studies, including "Cane Fires" (1991), "Margins and Mainstreams" (1994), "American History Unbound" (2015), and "Third World Studies" (2016). He received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Studies Association and the Association for Asian American Studies and received an honorary doctorate from the University of the Ryūkyūs, Okinawa.

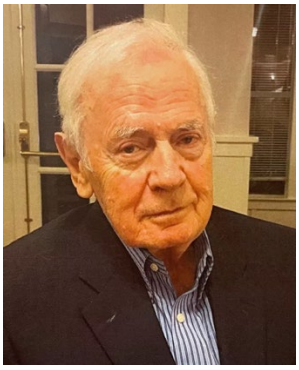
Louis Okin

Professor of Ancient history; department chair in 1995.

Pearl Oliner
1931-2021

An education and women's studies professor who received her education at Brooklyn College, and UC Berkeley in Education. Worked with her husband heading up the Altruistic Personality and Prosocial Behavior Institute.

Samuel Oliner
1930-2021



He was born in Zyndranowa, Poland, in 1930. Zyndranowa was a farming village in southern Poland near the Czech border in the Carpathian Mountains. He lived on the small farm belonging to his grandparents Isak and Reisel Polster, together with his parents and siblings. Sam was left orphaned by the barbarity of Nazi-occupation during World War II, aided in his survival by a Polish family who risked their lives to rescue him.

After the war, Sam immigrated to England where he began his formal education at Bunce Court School in Kent in 1946. In 1950, he made his way to New York City with the help of relatives. Shortly after his arrival in America, Sam was drafted into the U.S. Army and served in the Korean War (Bronze Service Star, National Defense Medal, Presidential Unit Citation). While attending Brooklyn College on the G.I. Bill upon his return from Korea, Sam met Pearl Merkur on a blind date arranged by his best pal Fred Knauer. Sam and Pearl were married in 1956.

In 1957, Pearl and Sam packed their U-Haul truck and headed for California. They each received a PhD from the University of California at Berkeley, and together they became professors at Humboldt State University. Sam was chair of the Sociology Department, and by all accounts much beloved by students, staff, and colleagues during his 30 years as a professor. In 1973, he founded the Humboldt Journal of Social Relations, which remains in publication to this day. Sam and Pearl founded the Altruistic Personality and Prosocial Behavior Institute at HSU. Together, they were awarded HSU's Scholar of the Year prize in 1990. Sam has authored nine books and numerous other publications focusing on the subject of altruism and why some people risk their lives to help others. He published his most recent literary work this year, at age 91. A central theme that runs throughout his scholarship is the importance of kindness and courageousness, even in the darkest times. He was, at his core, an optimist. Sam was humble, caring, generous and always inquisitive.

Dale Oliver

Professor of Mathematics working with Phyllis Chinn received a $1.18 million grant from the National Science foundation in 1992 to start a math training program at HSU. Their goal is to help revolutionize the way math is taught in grades K-8 in California, and eventually across the United States.

Jolien Olson



Olsen grew up in the hills behind Humboldt and spent the majority of her time exploring the remote backwoods and byways of HumCo. She attended our locals schools: Jacoby Creek and St. Mary's Elementary School, Arcata High School, College of the Redwoods where she earned an AA, and Humboldt State University where I earned a BA in English, a Secondary Education Teaching Credential in English, and an MA in the Teaching of Writing. She has taught at Humboldt since 1991 and look forward to each semester: getting to know the current students, helping them navigate their first semester of college, and working to build their confidence and knowledge as writers.

Kevin Olson



Kevin Olson is an active pianist, composer, and member of the piano faculty at Utah State University, where he teaches piano literature, pedagogy, and accompanying courses. In addition to his collegiate teaching responsibilities, Kevin directs the Utah State Youth Conservatory, which provides weekly group and private piano instruction to more than 200 pre-college community students. The National Association of Schools of Music has recently recognized the Conservatory as a model for pre-college piano instruction programs. Before teaching at Utah

State, he was on the faculty at Elmhurst College near Chicago and Humboldt State University in northern California.

Gayle Olson-Raymer



Lecturer in History, Education and Director of History-Secondary Ed program. Awarded Teaching Excellence Award just before retirement; worked for decades as a lecturer and Director of Secondary Ed program in History; led local National History Day competition for many years, continues to successfully write grants for training K-12 teachers in pedagogy related to the field of history, specifically American and California history. Long career of community engagement that continues in her retirement.

James Ordner



Ordner teaches social movements, environmental sociology, social theory and qualitative methods. He holds a PhD from the University of Kansas.

Jennifer Ortega

Since 2012, Jennifer has been a faculty member at Cal Poly Humboldt. She is a Master Certified Environmental Educator recognized by the North American Association of Environmental Education (NAAEE) and a trainer of the Guidelines for Excellence developed by NAAEE. Jennifer is an instructor for the statewide University of California Naturalist Program and a program advisor for the California Environmental Education Certification Program.

Jennifer has a variety of environmental education experience acquired from working as a middle school science teacher, an education ranger for Redwood National & State Parks, a coordinator of education programs at Cal Poly Humboldt's Natural History Museum, and teaching for numerous years in higher education.

Daniel O'Shea

Oceanography lecturer specializing in Geological Oceanography. Conducting field work in the Trinidad area.

Marie Clark Ostrander

Associate Professor of Music active with the California Western Music Conference. Named advisor to the Pro-Musica Club in 1932. Offered numerous programs to children in the College Elementary School especially in piano throughout the 1930s.

Margarita Otero-Diaz



Professor at Humboldt State from 2017-2024 working to empower primarily Latinx populations. She received her BS in Chemical Engineering at the University of Puerto Rico, and her MSE in Environmental Engineering at the University of Michigan.

Rosanna Overholser



Dr. Overholser has experienced all three systems of public higher education in California, having earned degrees from Bakersfield College (AS in math), Cal Poly San Luis Obispo (BS in math)

and UC San Diego (MS & Ph.D. in math). She provided statistical support to healthcare and other researchers through consulting centers at UC San Diego, Ghent University in Belgium and Umea University in Sweden. After living in Canada, Belgium, the UK, and Germany, Dr. Overholser settled down to teach math, statistics, and data science at Oregon's Institute of Technology. She joined the Mathematics faculty at Humboldt in 2022.

Beverly Faye Owens
Frederick R. Owens

Husband and wife were members of the college music faculty in the mid 1950s. She on the piano and he on the trumpet.

David K. Oyler

Longtime librarian at Humboldt State, oversaw construction of library in the mid 1970s. Left for the University of San Francisco in 1991. Previously, Oyler was director of science library and full professor of agriculture in Wisconsin.

Ara Pachmayer



Ara Pachmayer has a PhD from Arizona State University in community resources and development and is an associate professor of tourism management at Cal Poly Humboldt.

Elena Padron



Elena Padrón, Ph.D. is an Associate Professor of Psychology & Coordinator of the Masters in Counseling Program at Cal Poly Humboldt. She is a clinical and developmental psychologist

with specializations in early childhood, attachment, trauma, and developmental psychopathology.
Her research centers on the intersection of early childhood mental health, parent-child attachment relationships, and intergenerational transmission of trauma, specifically in minoritized populations. Dr. Padrón runs the Intergenerational Trauma & Attachment Lab. Undergraduate and graduate students can apply. Click below to learn more.
Her clinical experience is in child mental health and dyadic/family therapy with multicultural populations. Dr. Padrón has completed academic and clinical work with Latinx and international populations in her native Venezuela as well as in the United States.

Hyman Palais
-1988

Professor of history at Humboldt State since 1946 and chairman of the division of social sciences retiring in 1979. Served as vice-president of the Association of California State College Instructors in the 1950s. Helped organize the Humboldt Historical Society in 1947.

Humnath Panta



Humnath Panta is an Associate Professor of Finance at the School of Business. Before joining Humboldt, he was an Associate Professor of Finance and Program Director at Brenau University. He also served as an Assistant Professor of Finance and Assistant Program Director of Accounting and Finance Program at Lindenwood University.

Humnath received his Ph.D. in Finance from the University of Texas at Arlington. He also earned a master's degree in financial economics from Ohio University and a master's degree in International Relations and Trade from Monash University, Australia, BA in English literature with a minor in economics from Tribhuvan University, Nepal. His primary objectives are promoting a positive learning environment and helping students in their self-development through quality financial education. He has over twelve years of university teaching experience. His professional career outside academia includes more than five years of government service and over three years of corporate experience as a controller of finance and accounting.

He is an active scholar, dedicated teacher, and effective mentor for students with diverse

backgrounds and career goals. His primary research interests include corporate governance, investments, and real estate investments. He has presented his research articles at several national and regional conferences, including the Financial Management Association, Southwestern Finance Association, Midwest Finance Association, and Academy of Financial Services conferences. His teaching interests include personal finance, corporate finance, investments, risk management, financial statement analysis, financial and managerial accounting, international economics, business statistics, and data analytics.

He is active in various civic, cultural, and professional organizations, including the Financial Management Association, Southwestern Finance Association, and Blood Donors of America. He visited several business schools as a site visit chair and member for ACBSP. Outside his professional interests, he likes to travel, read, write and enjoys living with his family and servicing the community.

Yung H. Park

Park, a native of Korea, joined HSU's faculty in 1966 while he was completing his doctoral work for the University of Illinois — where he also earned his master's degree. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Montana at Missoula. Park spent two years (1978 to 1980) in Japan researching, teaching and acting as the resident director of the CSU International program, and he will return to Japan next year to continue these pursuits. Named Scholar of the Year in 1986.

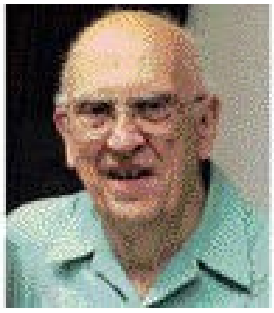
Charles E. Parke, Jr.

Associate Professor of Physics from the mid 1950s until the 1970s involved in setting up radiological monitoring equipment and the new telescope for the college.

Harold K. Parker

Dean of Students at Humboldt State College in 1952; was the Dean of Students at Monterey Junior College before coming to Humboldt. He has a Doctor of Education degree from Stanford University. Left in 1954 to assume a new position at Chico State College.

John Carlyle Parker
1931-2018



He was a librarian for a total of 36 years. Thirty-one years at California State University, Stanislaus, which includes 2 years (1992-1994) as archivist. He earned an AA from Weber College (now Weber State University), Ogden, Utah; BA, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah; and MLS, University of California, Berkeley. He was a reference librarian at Humboldt State University and at Church College of Hawaii (now BYU Hawaii).

Mldred C. Parsons

Began as nursing instructor in 1963 specializing in maternal-child nursing, later serving as the department chair until the nursing program closed in 1972.

Gerald Partain
1925-2016

Jerry grew up in the North Little Rock, Arkansas area. He enlisted in the Navy shortly after graduating high school in 1942 and graduated as a commissioned officer with a degree in Aviation Mechanics and Engineering. He served on both the U.S.S. Houston and the U.S.S. Missouri. He had a great love for forestry and graduated from Oregon State University with a degree in Forestry in the early 1950's. Jerry worked as an engineer in the Bay Area for Kaiser Engineering and Bechtel Engineering before moving to Humboldt County to help start the Forestry Program in 1954. In 1957 the Humboldt State College Forestry program became a four-year degree and the largest in the U.S at that time. As a professor at Humboldt State University, he also received his PhD in Forestry Economics from Syracuse University. In 1983 he was appointed the Director of California Department of Forestry (1983-89) and resigned from the university. He was later appointed Faculty Emeritus.

Richard A Paselk

Paselk was a Professor of Chemistry and served as the Chair in the Chemistry Department at Humboldt State University, where he taught for over 25 years. He received his doctorate in

Biochemistry in 1976 from the University of Southern California. He was the Principal Investigator or Co-PI on over five hundred thousand dollars in grants to develop multimedia and to integrate molecular modeling and visualization into the chemistry curriculum. He co-authored 25 articles or presentations in chemical education, eight educational software packages, an educational video short, seven scientific research publications, and an article on the history of the AbbŽ refractometer.

Suzanne Pasztor



Pasztor joined the faculty at Humboldt in 2005 after several years with the History Department and School of International Studies at University of the Pacific. She holds a PhD from the University of New Mexico. She currently serves as the ombudsperson for the university.

Vithalbhai Ambalal Patel
1936–2026



Vithalbhai Ambalal Patel was a mathematician, educator, researcher, and lifelong scholar whose career spanned continents and inspired generations of students. He was born in 1936 in Shertha, a small village west of Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India. The youngest of six children, he was raised by parents who placed great value on education. He attended Sarva Vidhyalaya in Kadi for his primary and secondary schooling, where he developed a love of learning. His lifelong fascination with mathematics began in childhood, inspired by an elderly village neighbor who delighted in challenging him each day with mathematical puzzles.

Vithal earned his bachelor’s degree in mathematics from M.G. Science Institute in Ahmedabad and went on to complete a master’s degree in mathematics at Sardar Patel University in Vallabh Vidyanagar. During this period, he married Latika, beginning a partnership that would endure for

more than six decades. He joined the faculty of M.G. Science Institute as a mathematics instructor while pursuing research in general relativity.

Committed to advancing his education, Vithal began doctoral studies at the University of California, Berkeley, in the 1960s. He earned his Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of California, Berkeley, specializing in fluid mechanics under the mentorship of Professor Hans Einstein. Following graduation, Vithal accepted a faculty position in the Department of Mathematics at Humboldt State University (now California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt). He and Latika purchased a used Chevrolet Impala and drove north along Highway 101 to Arcata, where they found the most beautiful place on Earth. It became their home for the rest of their lives.

Vithal found his true calling as a teacher and delighted in sharing his love of mathematics with his students. Over a distinguished academic career, he taught thousands of students, mentored young mathematicians, published numerous scholarly papers, and authored a textbook on numerical analysis. He was deeply grateful for the opportunity to teach, mentor students, conduct research, and collaborate with outstanding colleagues, many of whom became lifelong friends. Outside the classroom, Humboldt County nourished his spirit. He spent countless hours walking beneath the towering redwoods, often reflecting on his next lecture or contemplating a research problem. Weekend walks along Clam Beach and Agate Beach, regardless of the season, became cherished rituals. The majestic forests and the cool Pacific air provided both peace and inspiration.

After retiring in 1999, Vithal and Latika built a second home on ancestral family farmland in Gujarat, where they spent winters and returned to Arcata in the summer. His intellectual curiosity never diminished in retirement. He devoted himself to writing numerous articles in Gujarati and remained actively engaged with the academic community in Gandhinagar, continuing to learn, write, volunteer, and inspire others throughout his later years.

He devoted the last four years of his life to translating Newton's *Principia* into Gujarati, a project that gave him purpose and joy each day. It was a fitting culmination of his lifelong commitment to scholarship and to making scientific knowledge accessible to students in Gujarat. When he grew weary, he enjoyed taking cat naps, talking with family and friends near and far on WhatsApp, surfing the web for political news of the day, listening to music, monitoring the stock market, and watching an entertaining round of YouTube videos.

Throughout his life, Vithal held an unwavering belief in the transformative power of education. His influence extended far beyond the classroom through the students he inspired, the research he conducted, the publications he authored, the colleagues and young scholars he mentored, his charitable contributions, and the family he cherished. He is remembered not only for his intellect

and scholarly achievements but also for his humility, generosity, curiosity, and steadfast conviction that learning is a lifelong pursuit.

Anne Paulet



Professor of History teaching courses in modern American history and foreign policy. Received her PhD from Rutgers University.

Ethelyn S. Pauley

Mrs. Pauley is an assistant professor of drama. She has a B.F.A. from the State University of Iowa and an M.S. from the University of Wisconsin. She studied fashion design at Woodburg School in Los Angeles. Heavily involved in numerous college productions from the 1950s through the early 1970s. A scholarship and endowment was established dedicated to Ethelyn and John Pauley.

John Pauley

Dr. John F. Pauley became the new assistant professor in the department of radio and drama in 1952. Formerly he was located at the State College in Whitewater, Wisconsin. He has his Ph.D. degree from Southern University of Iowa. Responsible for numerous plays at the Sequoia (now Van Duzer) Theater. Promoted to full professorship in 1961 serving in multiple capacities to 1977.

Silvia Pavan



Pavan was born and grew up in southeastern Brazil, where she completed her bachelor in Biological Sciences. After that she moved to Northern Brazil (Amazon), where she completed a MSC in Zoology. She then moved to New York City, where she completed her PhD.

Silvia E Pavan, Assistant Professor of Biological Sciences at Humboldt State since 2022 was awarded a grant for presenting research, with students, at the 2024 Meeting of the American Society of Mammologists. Sylvia is broadly interested in biodiversity, and she works with fieldwork exploration and collections-based research to discover and describe species and to understand species diversity and evolution. Her research has been focused on different groups of mammals, especially marsupials and rodents. She also serves as the curator for the Vertebrae Museum.

Scott Paynton



Dr. Paynton has been at Cal Poly Humboldt for 26 years and has a background in Organizational Communication, Health Communication, and Leadership. Major courses he teaches are Theory and Research, Health Communication, Leadership, Negotiation, Organizational Communication, and Interpersonal Communication.

Roscoe E. "Rocky" Peithman
1913-2015



He was born on the family farm in Hoyleton Township, Illinois on February 26, 1913 son of Edward H. and Sarah Jane Peithman. He attended the one-room country school nearby and completed high school in Centralia, Illinois. He attended Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, receiving a B.S. with a major in physics in 1935. While teaching in local high

schools, he continued graduate studies at the University of Illinois, Urbana, receiving his M.S. in 1939. In 1942, he was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Navy, serving as a Naval Air Navigator, and as an air navigation instructor for the Pacific Theater of Operations. He joined the faculty of then Humboldt State College in 1946, retiring in 1977 as a Professor of Physics. He took a leave of absence from 1953 to 1955 to study at Oregon State University, where he received his doctorate. His studies in atmospheric physics and electronic instrumentation at Oregon State led to further study at the University of Illinois in 1964, and at Colorado State University in 1976. Beginning in 1957, he served as Chairman of the Division of Natural Sciences, then as Chairman of the Division of Physical Sciences until 1969, when he was named Dean of the School of Sciences at HSU. During the work on the Master Plan for Higher Education in the late 1950s and early 1960s, Dr. Peithman served as a faculty representative from Humboldt State. He also was one of the two academic senators from Humboldt when the Academic Senate of the California State Colleges was formed in 1961, serving in this capacity from 1961 to 1966. He remained active in the Naval Reserve and was a member of several reserve units in California and Oregon. This included serving as commanding officer of the Naval Reserve Officers School in Eureka. Summer duty involved navigator duty in flights to Japan and the Pacific Islands. He retired as a Lieutenant Commander, USNR, in 1973. A lifelong amateur radio operator, he held the extra class FCC Amateur license, W6BME, and was involved in emergency communications during floods in Northern California in the 1950s and 60s. In recent years he became active in studying weather data obtained from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration weather satellites. This required assembling a receiving station and working with specialized software for receiving the data. The study of this weather data became a significant part of his later retirement years, including a weather website that he maintained.

Ellsworth Pence
Chairman of the HSU foreign language department and French professor in the early 1980s. Director of International Programs in France in 1982.

Nicholas Perdue



Department Chair and Associate Professor of the Department of Geography, Environment & Spatial Analysis. He holds a PhD from the University of Oregon.

Nancy Perez



Nancy Pérez, Ph.D. is an Assistant Professor of Critical Race, Gender and Sexuality Studies at Cal Poly Humboldt. Her research focuses on understanding Mexican and Central American migration, labor histories, and transnational cultures of memory and resistance from interdisciplinary perspectives. Her past research examined the domestic worker experience, writing a thesis titled “Corpo(r)ealities: Domestic Workers and Embodied Inscriptions of Power.” She has also conducted research on the domestic worker rights movement in the U.S., publishing an article stemming from her dissertation titled “Migrant Domestic Workers and the Changing Landscape of Activism.” Nancy obtained her B.A. and M.A. degrees in Chicana/o Studies from California State University Northridge, and her Ph.D. in Justice Studies from Arizona State University.

Kimberly Perris



Kimberly Perris is an Assistant Professor and founding Director of the RN-BSN Nursing Program at Cal Poly Humboldt. Since 1993, she has been deeply engaged with Humboldt County's healthcare needs. Earning her master’s and doctoral degrees from the University of San Francisco in 2015 and 2018, respectively, she discovered her passion for improving access to

care. She focuses on interdisciplinary team-based care, expanding the role of RNs in community health settings, and quality improvement. Dr. Perris is committed to empowering nurses to work to the top of their license. She actively serves on several boards, including as President of the California Association of Colleges of Nursing, California Grass Roots Liaison for the American Academy of Colleges of Nursing, and President of the Omicron Omega Chapter, Sigma Theta Tau.

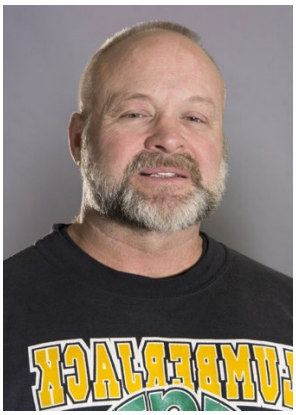
Wayne Perryman

Perryman earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Behavioral Sciences and a Master of Library Science degree from San Jose State University. Before joining Humboldt State, he worked in the General Libraries of the University of Texas at Austin, where he was Deputy Assistant Director for Technical Services and Chair of the Acquisitions and Serials Department. Earlier positions included lengthy stints with the Stanford University Libraries and the Santa Clara County Free Library System. He was chairperson for the library access services of the CSU task service in the 1990s, and named interim dean of the library in 2013.

Barbara Stratton Peters
1949 - 2023

She earned her BA degree in American Government in 1971 and her master's in education with an emphasis in Student Personnel Work in Higher Education in 1976 – both from Idaho State University. In 1977, she left home in Idaho to take a job at Humboldt State University in the Career Planning & Placement Center. She worked at HSU for 30 years and made many life-long friendships with co-workers, students, and faculty. Barbara's shyness seemed to go away as she worked in this career. Her students were Science and Natural Resources majors, and she developed a love of the environment and conservation through them. After she retired from HSU in 2007, she continued in her profession by offering Resume Writing and Job-Hunting workshops at both the Western Section and national conferences of The Wildlife Society. This gave her the opportunity to travel to new places in California, Utah, Oregon and Hawaii. She "retired" again from this activity in 2017. The Western Section honored her with the Barrett A. Garrison "Outstanding Mentorship Award" at the 2017 conference.

Drew Petersen



Drew Petersen (‘91, Physical Education) is the strength and conditioning coach for the Humboldt State athletic department. He began the strength and conditioning program at HSU in 1991 and is responsible for the design and implementation of the year-round strength and conditioning program for all HSU sports. Petersen has coached 55 strength and conditioning All-Americans and mentored and developed numerous strength and conditioning coaches throughout the years, many of whom have gone on to become Division I, II and III coaches as well as a head NFL strength and conditioning coach.

As a faculty member in the department of Kinesiology, Petersen teaches all of the strength fitness and weight training courses, inspiring students to incorporate concepts of health and fitness into their daily lives.

Petersen is certified by the National Strength and Conditioning Association and United States Weightlifting as a Level 1 Coach. He was recently awarded the NSCA’s CSCS-E, Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist Emeritus, the highest level of certification in the field with 25+ years of service. In 2015, Petersen was recognized as a finalist for the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coach of the Year award at the annual National Strength and Conditioning Association convention.

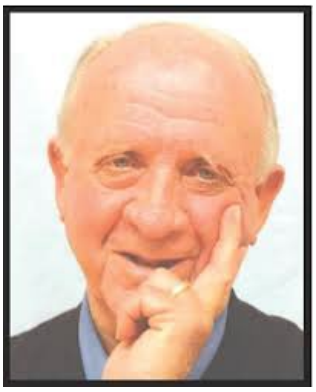
Year

Pamela Philley



Pamela Philley moved to Humboldt from Los Angeles and has been in the School of Education for 24 years in the capacity of coordinator, instructor and supervisor at various times. She holds a Masters Degree in Educational Psychology as well as 3 credentials.

Dorvin Valgene Phillips
1935-2021



Born in Butler, Oklahoma, on September 27, 1935, his family moved to Bakersfield and later to San Francisco. He was a junior at Lowell High when his family moved to Salinas, where he found a group of musical students who would become lifelong friends.

He was a child of the Dust Bowl years, when many thousands, including his family, made the great migration west to California, carrying everything they owned. With this background, he developed a strong sense of family and grew to be a model father and family man, providing for the needs of his children, never complaining, always keeping the family unit together, doing things and going to places families go, helping develop the close, loving relationship.

He attended San Francisco State College and graduated from San Jose State College with a BA in music. From the late ‘50s into the ‘60s he juggled a career teaching music, raising a family, and completing his master’s degree, all the while serving in the National Guard on many weekends and two full weeks each summer at Camp Roberts.

Valgene developed early on a love of music and taught it for over 40 years to young and old alike. He became the consummate professional musician and French Horn player and gave countless hundreds of horn lessons. Band director, choir director and orchestra conductor, he also added two full opera productions to his repertoire. He played in several symphony orchestras over the years, including Humboldt, Eureka, Peninsula, Rogue Valley, Los Gatos-Saratoga, San Jose, and Lake County. To improve his own musicianship, he attended the international horn festival twice here in California, and his children can attest to the many, many hours he spent practicing to “keep the embouchure up.”

In his earliest years at Humboldt State University, he was instrumental in getting the Marching Lumberjacks up and running and implementing the jazz music program. He attended hundreds of student recitals and eventually served two separate terms as department chair. He also occupied positions from student teacher advisor in the Education Department, to two years as Multiple Subjects Coordinator, and prior to retirement, took a position as Associate Dean of the College

of Creative Arts and Humanities, moved on to Acting Vice-President for Academic Affairs, and finally Dean of Undergraduate Studies.

He is well-known for his many years as the Director of the Humboldt Chamber Music Workshop, with which he became heavily involved, first as participant, then coach, associate director and finally director. He eventually started the Brass Chamber Music Workshop at Humboldt State as well. Musically, Valgene also performed in two Humboldt Light Opera productions, and if you knew him you would smile to know that he played Charlie Cowell in The Music Man. He also performed with numerous brass and woodwind quintets, both locally and regionally. He frequently reunited with his former Los Gatos Woodwind Quintet colleagues during the annual workshop and remained close friends with them all.

Throughout his adult life, Valgene contented himself with musical composition and arrangement. His favorite material to work with was the arrangement of spirituals and hymns. He worked closely with Nathan Smith, a fellow professor at HSU, and gifted singer of gospel music. Together they created a small ministry using Nathan's voice and Valgene's piano playing to preach regionally.

While Valgene's world was music, he was also visual, and busied himself with many projects around the house, and even dabbled in construction, woodworking, as well as automotive and appliance repair.

Throughout his career, Phillip's received many awards of recognition for his achievements and contributions in music and instruction. He also received a medal for sharpshooter in the Army National Guard learning how to shoot a bazooka while being trained in heavy weapons! He received the North Coast California Music Educators Association Outstanding Administrator Award and served as President of the North Coast CMEA. He composed two processional marches for ceremonial use at HSU, "Light and Truth" and "Light and Truth No. 2". He was instrumental in founding the Chamber Players of the Redwoods and was awarded the Floyd Glende Award by CPOTR in 2017. He was also involved with the Scotia Band. Most recently he had been working with the All-Seasons Orchestra.

Edwin Walter Pierson
1917-2003

Ed was born on September 16, 1917, in Racine, Wisconsin, to Sigurd and Agnes Pierson. He graduated from Washington Park High School where he was an outstanding athlete who lettered in football, basketball and track. He was honored by his classmates as Homecoming King his senior year in high school, but one of his proudest achievements was when he earned the rank of Eagle Scout.

Ed attended the University of Wisconsin, Madison, for two years before transferring to Oregon State College (OSC), now Oregon State University in Corvallis to pursue a degree in forestry. Because of World War II he was drafted into the Army after his first term at OSC. Following basic training at Camp Sheridan, Ed was selected for pilot training in the Army Air Corps, now the United States Air Force.

During the war Ed was stationed in England and served as a B-17 pilot who flew 25 bombing missions over Europe. He was awarded the Bronze Star for bravery, the Purple Heart, and many other medals and campaign ribbons.
While returning to the air base after a peace mission, the plane he was piloting crashed and he sustained serious injuries. He spent 18 months recuperating in military hospitals. Once recovered, he was named the director of the Air Force Training School at Lowrey Field in Denver, Colorado. He was honorably discharged from active and reserve military service in 1957 at the rank of Air Force Major.

In 1949 Ed married Maxine Chinnock of Lincoln, Nebraska. They moved to Corvallis, Oregon, so Ed could resume his studies at OSC while doing a summer forestry internship with the U.S. Forest Service. The couple had one daughter. His wife died in 1951.

On July 5, 1953, Ed married Joan Margaret Howell of Astoria, Oregon. They were thrilled to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this past July with many family members and close friends, some of whom traveled great distances to be with the special couple. Former students attended the anniversary festivities or sent special greetings to honor their former professor on his wedding anniversary.

Ed earned both bachelor's and master's degrees in forestry from Oregon State College and was inducted into Xi Sigma PI forestry honorary for outstanding academic achievement. In later years he was the recipient of a prestigious National Science Foundation grant in order to pursue a Ph.D. in forestry at Oregon State College.

His academic career as a forestry professor spanned 27 years with his retirement in 1979. Ho was initially hired by Humboldt State College (now University) President Cornelius Siemens in 1953 to create a two-year forestry program at the College, with the help of local professional foresters, members of the lumber industry, and representatives from public forestry agencies, Ed designed a curriculum for a two-year terminal degree program. Ed outlined the general objectives of the forest management curriculum that were to provide instruction and practical training in the various sciences, techniques and activities which formed the professional requirement in the field of forest management.

Humboldt State's enrollment at that time was approximately 500 students. The new forestry program had a total student enrollment of 17 with Ed Pierson as the sole faculty member. By 1967 the program had grown to 330 students with ten faculty, and included two graduate programs in forest science, and wood science. Ed worked tirelessly to help establish HSU as one of the premiere university forestry programs in the United States.

Ed was an outstanding teacher and role model, who demanded the very best from his students and commanded their respect. Many former students remember the Pierson Performance Code Four "l's" -- Integrity, Initiative, Industry and Interest. His goal was to provide students with the educational background and critical thinking skills that would enable them to excel in the forestry profession while grounding them in proper professional conduct. He was tough on

students who came to class unprepared. In his eyes all his students were professional foresters in training, and he held them to the highest standard.

He was a mentor, career counselor, confidant, master teacher, and friend to hundreds of students who passed through his office door. He was proud of his students and took great pleasure in learning of their special achievements.

In December 1954 the Arcata City Council voted to establish a 600-acre “Community Forest,” and Ed was one of four people tapped for leadership in the overall management of the forest. He was one of the early environmentalists in the area who worked hard to ensure that the forest would benefit the community for years to come.

Ed was also active in the Society of American Foresters and was an early licensed forester by the State of California. When Ed retired from teaching in June of 1979 he continued his support of the forestry profession. He served on the Sierra Pacific Lumber Company Foundation for many years and was delighted to help select deserving college-bound high school students for Foundation scholarships.

Joan Margaret Howell Pierson
1925-2012



Joan attended Oregon State College (now University), in Corvallis, Oregon, and graduated in 1947 with a bachelor's degree in Home Economics. After her OSC graduation, Joan worked in Klamath Falls, Oregon, as an Extension Agent in Agriculture Extension for three years. She enthusiastically worked with youth and helped organize 4-H clubs in the area, planned 4-H leadership events and served as a home economics demonstration agent. In 1950 she moved to Corvallis, Oregon to work for the Oregon Cooperative Extension Service. Her supervisor and mentor was Miss Esther Taskerud, who strongly encouraged Joan to apply for a national 4-H fellowship to attend graduate school. Joan was the recipient of this national honor and earned a master's degree in education in 1952 from George Washington University in Washington, D.C. Joan was a professor of home economics at Humboldt State University from 1969 through 1983.

Deidre Pike



Professor Deidre Pike is the faculty adviser for the student newspaper *The Lumberjack*. She teaches Beginning Reporting, Journalism Tools, Advanced News Writing, Environmental Reporting, News Parody: Theory and Practice and Mass Media and Popular Arts. She served previously as department chair.

She came to Cal Poly Humboldt in August 2012 after teaching at the University of Hawai‘i at Manoa (2011-2012) and at the University of Nevada, Reno (2003-2011). She has worked as a newspaper reporter, editor, website content wrangler and freelance writer.

Pike is the author of "Enviro-Toons: Green Themes in Animated Cinema and Television" (2012), published by McFarland, a book that analyzes ecological themes in popular culture. In 2014, her second book "Media Literacy: Seeking Honesty, Independence and Productivity in Today's Mass Messages" was published by IDEA, funded by the Open Society Foundation.

Larry Pitts



Larry received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Piano Performance from Cal Poly Humboldt in 2001. In 2006, he completed a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History. In 2007, he completed his teaching credentials. Larry has a private piano studio and is also an accompanist.

Lourin Plant



Plant began his journey in a very musical family in Ohio's Miami Valley. They encouraged him to follow his dream of singing and conducting, and so he did with a Bachelor of Vocal Music Education degree from Wittenberg University. Fresh from my first teaching position in Chicago, he accepted a scholarship to study and earned a Master of Music degree in Choral Conducting with a Cognate in Voice from the College- Conservatory of Music at the University of Cincinnati. Six years later he returned on scholarship to Cincinnati and completed a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Choral Conducting with a Cognate in Voice. From Cincinnati he served on the vocal-choral faculties of Sinclair College and Humboldt State University of California until 1993 when he joined Rowan University in New Jersey.

Joyce Plath

Plath is listed as a "teacher in the cluster program at HSU in the early 70s, she left HSU in 1977 to attend graduate school at UC Berkeley.

Imogene Platt

Miss Platt is the registrar at Humboldt State Teachers College during the early 1930s. Miss Imogene Platt, was also assistant professor of English and director of research at Humboldt State College, was elected first president of the Soroptimist Club of Humboldt. Named woman of the year in 1957, she retired in 1961.

Dolores Poelzer
1933-2025

Dolores Poelzer was born on September 1, 1933. She a Maryknoll Sister for 69 years. From 1950-1951, she attended Ursuline Academy High School in Bruno, Saskatchewan, Canada. Following this, she earned her BA in Sociology at Washington's Seattle University in 1956. In 1966, along with her other responsibilities, she continued on for an MA in Sociology at the Universidad Catolica de Chile. Returning to America in the following year, she transferred to the University of Oregon, Eugene for her doctoral studies.

This relocation led her, in 1972, to join the Department of Sociology at Humboldt State University. Besides being a very busy teaching and research professor, she was also active in contributing to the start of a Religious Studies Program. Furthermore, she was also active in establishing a Women's Studies Program.

In 1977, she accepted a Visiting Professorship at St. Thomas More College, University of Saskatchewan, Canada, so that she could meet some family obligations. Her intellectual participations led to her receiving the "Herstory Award" from Seattle University for "Significant Contributions on Issues of Women" in 1991. She retired in 1998.

Brian Post



Dr. Brian Post has been teaching composition, music theory and music technology classes at Humboldt State University since the fall of 1998. He has a BA in piano performance from California State University, Hayward, an MM and DA in Theory and Composition from the University of Northern Colorado. Prior to his position at HSU, Dr. Post taught at Emporia State University, the University of Northern Colorado, the Rocky Mountain Music Technology Workshop, the Midwest Music Camp, the Interlochen Arts Camp, and the International Music Camp.

Compositions and arrangements by Dr. Post have been performed and recorded by the Greeley Philharmonic, Cal State Hayward Big Band, Interlochen Lab Band I, Interlochen Concert Band, ESU Wind Ensemble, Eranis Flute Ensemble, ESU A Cappella Choir, ESU Opera Company, Greeley Children's Chorale, and the HSU Wind Ensemble.

Compositions by Dr. Post include; the film score for “The Music Inside” a dramatic full-length feature film starring Amy Redford, Mary Ellen Trainor, and Brian Wimmer, “Stricken” a cross discipline work performed in Spain, scoring of an ancient East Indian play titled “Shakuntala” that received a Meritorious Achievement Award from the Kennedy Center, Radioman,” composed music and created sound effects for a two-hour premiere production focusing on war veterans and their struggles performed by the Dell’Arte Theater Co., "Prairie Creek Trails," a piece for cello and digitally altered nature sounds recorded in Redwood National Park, premiered at the 2018 Electronic Music Midwest Festival and “The Diamond,” written for digitally altered Tibetan Bells, rush hour sounds and video recorded in LA, scored for voice, cello and electric piano, premiered at the 2019 Atemporanea Festival, in Buenos Aires.

Berit Potter



Berit Potter received her doctorate in history of art from New York University's Institute of Fine Arts in 2015 as well as a M.A. from New York University's Program in Museum Studies. Her research engages with issues of display including the reception of Latin American and US modern art on the West Coast, and use of exhibitions as propaganda during World War II. Her current book project examines the career of SFMOMA's first director, Grace McCann Morley, and her pioneering advocacy for global perspectives in the study and exhibition of modern and contemporary art. Her research has received support from the Rockefeller Foundation and Terra Foundation for American Art. She has held positions in several art institutions, including the Smithsonian American Art Museum and Whitney Museum of American Art. Prior to joining HSU, she taught art history and museum studies at numerous institutions, among them Mills College, the San Francisco Art Institute, and University of San Francisco. Examples of her scholarship can be found in *The Americas Revealed: Collecting Colonial and Modern Latin American Art in the United States*, SFMOMA's *Projects + Perspectives*, and the forthcoming issue of *The Space Between: Literature and Culture 1914-45*, "Dada and Surrealism: Transatlantic Aliens on American Shores, 1914 - 1945."

Robert H. Poultney
-1937
Poultney came from Pocatello, Idaho where he was the head of the department of Biology at the University of Idaho. He previously taught at Rutgers College. He received his bachelor's degree from Cornel, his master's degree from Utah Agricultural College. He did additional graduate work at Stanford, UC Berkeley and the University of Illinois in Chicago. At Humboldt he was a professor of biological and physical science until his untimely death.

John W. Powell
1946-2021
John received his Ph.D. at the University of Oregon in 1988. He started as a lecturer at HSU in 1993 and was hired as a professor in 1995. John served as the chair of the Department of Philosophy from 2014-15 and retired in 2018.

Colleagues described John as the ideal Socratic philosopher. Department chair Benjamin Shaeffer says that John's research focus was in the philosophy of language. He also wrote about pacifism and the ordinary language movement in analytic philosophy.

Robert Powell, Jr.

Dr. Robert Powell, Jr., assistant professor of botany at Memphis, Tenn., State University. Prior to that he was a plant pathologist for the Asheville, N.C., federal - agricultural experiment station. He received his Ph.D. degree in 1959 from Duke University, Durham, N.C., and earned his B.S. degree at Memphis State University and his M.S. at the University of Houston, Texas. He joined the HSU Botany department in the fall of 1961.

Laura Power



Power found her way to social work after working for many years on community development projects in rural Nicaragua. She is a graduate of Cal Poly Humboldt's MSW program (2006), and has been teaching at Cal Poly Humboldt since January 2011. As a CalSWEC student, she experienced working in child welfare services. Currently, she teaches practicum education in addition to working in the community. She is interested in promoting bilingual social work and providing support to students who would like to utilize their language skills in their social work practice.

Cora A. Presley
1951-2013



Assistant Professor of Afro-American studies in the early 1980s. She also served as the Black Student Union advisor. She received her PhD. in African History from Stanford University. Dr. Cora Ann Presley also served as Associate Professor of African American Studies at George State University.

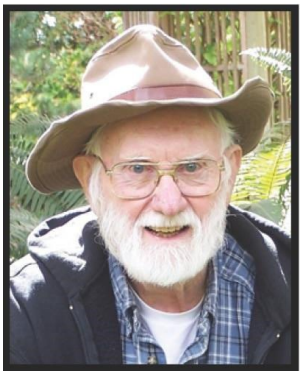
Kathleen Preston

She was one of the founders of the women's studies program in 1972 and was interim affirmative action officer for the fall semester of 1989. She has led or participated in sexual

harassment workshops on campus and in the community. She served as chair of the Psychology department.

Leslie Price
Price was an associate professor of Art. One of other three Black teachers in the early 1970s at Humboldt State.

Thomas Delaware Price
1926 – 2020



Tom was born June 8, 1926, in Illinois and spent his childhood there. After high school, he volunteered in the Army. He served in World War II in the Philippines on the front lines. He served in the military police during the US occupation of Japan. Using the G.I. Bill, Tom received his teaching credential at Stanford University, in 1951, and went on to teach 5th grade science, designing a science lab for the school in Palo Alto. Tom continued teaching while earning a Doctorate in Education in 1966, also from Stanford University. The family moved to North Carolina where he taught at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. In 1970, Tom and wife Betty were ready to move back to California, accepting a position at Humboldt State College (now Cal Poly) in the Education Department. He taught from 1970 to 1995, where he had the pleasure of working with many future elementary school teachers.

Thewall T. Proctor
Associate Professor of Russian Language Arts. He also serves as the coach of the Men's and Women's Fencing Team in the early 1960s. He traveled extensively to Yugoslavia and the Soviet Union. Dr. Proctor came to HSC in 1959 from the University of California where he was a teaching assistant while working for his Ph.D. degree. He was formerly associated with the University of Maryland's overseas study program. During WWII, he served as a Russian interpreter for U.S. Army occupational forces, and after the war he visited Moscow on a study tour

Garrett Purchio

Librarian for the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences. Before joining the library Purchio was active member of the Lumberjack staff.

Frances H. Purser
-1981

Purser worked in the library from 1960 to 1973. She started the Humboldt County collection. She received her bachelor's degree from San Jose State University and her certificate of librarianship from UC Berkeley. She worked at the Mill Valley Public Library before coming to Humboldt State. Frances Purser, worked closely with Wayne State University anthropology professor, Arnold Pilling, and the University Photographer, Peter Palmquist, to develop photographic collections documenting Northwestern California Indian subject matter.

Vernon J. Puryear
-1970

Vernon J. Puryear, professor emeritus of political science at the University of California, Davis, died in Norman, Oklahoma, after a brief illness, on November 10, 1970. At the time of his death he was serving as Visiting Professor of History at the University of Oklahoma. Professor Puryear was born in Sulphur Springs, Oklahoma, in 1901. He received his A.B. degree from Baylor University, an M.A. from the University of Missouri, and the Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley. His initial academic appointment was at Albany College in Oregon. Later he taught at Humboldt State College. In 1937 Professor Puryear was appointed to the faculty of the University of California, Davis, and from that date until 1952, except for the war years when he taught on the Berkeley campus, Professor Puryear was chairman of the Department of History and Political Science on the Davis campus. As the senior social scientist at Davis, he played an important role in planning the creation of a College of Letters and Science, which came to fruition in 1951.

Beginning in 1952 Professor Puryear taught courses in political science and, for many years, he had sole responsibility for offerings in the fields of international relations and comparative government. His teaching will be remembered by many and perhaps especially by students aspiring to careers in the Foreign Service. An inter-departmental major in international relations was the work of Professor Puryear, and the program was elected by many students, some of whom embarked upon successful careers in government service and teaching. Professor Puryear's publications, in addition to articles and reviews, include four important books on the diplomacy of major European powers in the Near East. His book, England, Russia, and the Straits Question, 1844-1856, was awarded the Herbert Baxter Adams Prize of the American Historical Association in 1931.

Li Qu



Dr. Qu is an Associate Professor at the School of Business. She received her Ph. D in accounting from the University of Connecticut. She earned her Master of Science in accounting and Master of Arts in economics from Kent State University. Her primary research interests are valuation, earnings management, and econometric issues in accounting research. Her primary teaching interests are managerial accounting, cost accounting, and financial accounting. Dr. Qu is a Certified Management Accountant (CMA).

Joyce McLeod Quinsey
-2000

In 1935, Quinsey entered Dana College, and for several years thereafter she alternated teaching positions in the Nebraska public schools, from two-room country school to high school, with returns to college. From 1948 to 1950, she worked as a reference librarian at the University of Omaha, then accepted a position as head of the reference department at the University of Kansas Libraries in Lawrence, where she remained until 1961. In 1962, Quinsey moved to Lincoln, Nebraska, where she was employed at the University of Nebraska, and later at the Nebraska State Historical Society. In 1964, she accepted a position at Humboldt State University in Areata, California, as a humanities reference librarian, continuing in that position until her retirement in 1983.

William H. Raleigh
Principal of the College Elementary School, part of the Division of Education and Psychology, as it trains schoolteachers and serves an educational school for children in Kindergarten through Eighth grade beginning in 1953.

C. John Ralph

The west coast's first bird observatory, Point Reyes Bird Observatory (now Point Blue Conservation Science), was co-founded by USDA Forest Service Biologist Dr. C. John Ralph in 1964. Upon Dr. Ralph's relocation from Hawaii to Humboldt County in the early 1980s, he promptly founded the second oldest bird observatory in California in 1984, the Humboldt Bay Bird Observatory (HBBO), located adjacent to Lanphere Dunes.

Marissa Ramsier



Ramsier is a strong proponent of interdisciplinary collaboration and crossing theoretical and methodological boundaries to explore questions. Her research interests are broad and include both lab work and fieldwork, quantitative and qualitative analysis, and the integration of disparate fields and datasets. Within anthropology, her focus is in comparative anatomy, bioarchaeology, skeletal biology, ecology, health, and diet. Her current research focuses on skeletal biology, health, diet, and migration in medieval Poland, including the influence of colonization on the health and lifeways of Old Prussians. Other areas of interest include stable isotope ecology, zooarchaeology, forensic anthropology, and nonhuman primate evolutionary biology. She has conducted fieldwork in Central and South America, Africa, the West Indies, and Europe. Ramsier is the Director of the Biological Anthropology Research Lab and the Poland Bioarchaeology Field Program. She also consults on forensic anthropology cases with various local agencies. Ramsier has a PhD in Anthropology from UC Santa Barbara.

Meenal Rana



Meenal Rana teaches Child Development at Humboldt State University. Meenal's passion for Indian cooking has its foundations in her upbringing in an Indian household, where cooking three meals was a norm. She has fond memories of her mother cooking delicious meals to share with family and friends. Additionally, her B.S. in home economics, with foods and nutrition as one of the focus areas, added the scientific and nurturing aspects of food to her passion. Meenal bases the art of cooking on the following principles: Love and passion are important ingredients of cooking; mindful cooking enhances the taste and nutritional aspects of food; share food and water with anyone who comes at your home, and the day-to-day meals should be delicious, economic, and sustainable.

Robert Andrew Rasmussen
1933-2024

Bob was born in St. Peter, MN August 31, 1933, the only child of Chester and Genevieve Rasmussen. In his youth, Bob was an Eagle Scout and a canoe guide in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. Bob attended his first and fifth year at College of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN and graduated with a BS in 1956. He attended Iowa State, Ames, IA for three years in Dairy Science preparing to take over the family dairy not knowing that the family would sell the dairy. He attended Marquette Medical College, WI for one year and was drafted into the army in the summer of 1957. He served 2 years active duty in Korea as a medic and 4 years in the reserves.

Bob later obtained an MS at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN in 1961. It was there he met his future wife, Frances.

He was awarded a National Science Foundation Fellowship to study at the University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand and to contribute to the new Edward Percival Marine Laboratory in Kaikoura, NZ. He obtained his PhD in Zoology from the University of Canterbury, NZ in 1965.

He spent a one-year postdoctoral fellowship at the Friday Harbor Marine Lab, University of Washington. In August of 1966, Bob was hired at Humboldt State College to teach in the Biology Department. His specialty was phycology (seaweed and algae). He taught for 40 years. He also taught scientific writing during this time after obtaining his MA in English from Humboldt State.

In retirement, Bob was active with Friends of Arcata Marsh (FOAM) and Humboldt Baykeepers as a docent.

Carl Ratner

Professor of psychology coming to Humboldt State in 1968. Carl Ratner is listed as the president of the local chapter of the U.S.-Chinese Peoples' Friendship Association in 1977.He received a Fulbright Scholar Grant in 1992 to teach in London. He published *Activity Theory as a Key Concept for Cultural Psychology in 1996*.

Sarah Jaquette Ray



Sarah Jaquette Ray is chair of the Environmental Studies Department. She came to Cal Poly Humboldt after working for four years at University of Alaska Southeast in Juneau, where she led the Geography and Environmental Studies BA program and was a professor of English.

Her work focuses on the role of emotions in environmental and climate justice and politics. Ray's first book, The Ecological Other: Environmental Exclusion in American Culture (Arizona, 2013) explored the emotion of “environmentalist disgust” in U.S. history, and its legacy of ableism, xenophobia, and eco-fascism in mainstream ecological thought. She is co-editor of three volumes bridging social justice and environmentalism: the award-winning Latinx Environmentalisms: Justice, Place, and the Decolonial, Disability Studies and the Environmental Humanities: Toward an Eco-Crip Theory, and Critical Norths: Space, Nature, Theory.

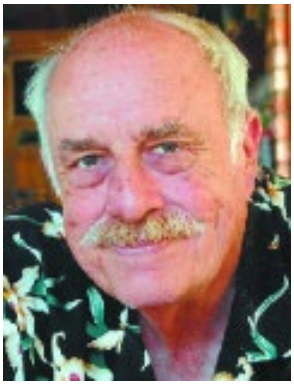
Her current work focuses this attention to emotions, mindsets, and collective wisdom on climate justice activism, especially among younger generations. Ray teaches, researches, writes, and facilitates workshops that bring together inner practices, social psychology, and collective action for climate justice. Her book on this topic, A Field Guide to Climate Anxiety: How to Keep Your Cool on a Warming Planet (California, 2020), is an existential toolkit for the climate generation. She also led an international network of educators that crowdsourced an open-access database of "existential tools", which resulted in a co-edited volume called The Existential Toolkit for Climate Justice Educators (2024).

Ray's writing on emotions and climate justice activism has been published in the LA Times, Scientific American, The Cairo Review of Global Affairs, Edge Effects, KCET, and Zocalo Public Square. She speaks around the world on the role of emotions in climate justice politics and activism, and has been interviewed on eminent podcasts such as Hidden Brain and The Atlantic’s “How to Age Up”.

Ray is host of a radio show and podcast called Climate Magic, in which she interviews experts who can help us work with despair and find pleasure and purpose– “climate magic”-- in engaging in climate action.

Research Focus
Environmental and climate justice, environmental humanities, bridging disability, critical race theory, and social justice with interdisciplinary environmental studies, and the role of emotions, mindsets, and inner transformation in service of climate justice, especially among youth.

Lee Anthony Raymond
1939-2011



A native of Whittier, Lee taught history at two California colleges during an academic career spanning 36 years until retirement in 2002. He was an assistant professor at Humboldt State University from 1966-69 and was working on his PhD dissertation at UC Riverside in 1970 when he landed an instructor's position at Grossmont College. Over the next 32 years, he taught Western and Chinese history there. A voracious reader, he motivated many students to become better readers in order to succeed in the classroom and in life.

Clint Rebik
1966-2021



Clinton Dean Rebik was born on March 30, 1966, in Brawley, California, and passed away on November 4, 2021, in Eureka, California due to esophageal cancer. He grew up in Brawley and graduated in 1984 from Brawley Union High School. He moved to Arcata to attend Humboldt State University in the fall of 1984 and remained in the area for the remainder of his life.

After graduating from HSU in 1987 with a bachelor's degree in Theatre Arts, he became the Artistic Director for the Ferndale Repertory Theatre for several years, where he directed and acted in many productions. At the same time, he became a part-time black-jack dealer at Cher-Ae Heights Casino, eventually moving over to Blue Lake Casino. In 1999, he and an enthusiastic and intrepid group of theatre artists formed the Redwood Curtain Theatre, for which he was named Artistic Director. Redwood Curtain Theatre staged over 90 productions in twenty years, many of its most memorable directed by Clint.

In 2006 he began working at Humboldt State University in the Office of the Registrar and was promoted to Registrar in 2012. Along the way, he completed his masters' degree in Theatre Arts from HSU, also in 2012.

Kaitlin Reed



Kaitlin Reed (Yurok/Hupa/Oneida) is an Assistant Professor of Native American Studies at Cal Poly Humboldt. Her research is focused on tribal land and water rights, extractive capitalism, and settler colonial political economies. She is currently working on her book entitled *From Gold Rush to Green Rush: The Ecology of Settler Colonialism in Northern California.* This book connects the historical and ecological dots between the Gold Rush and the Green Rush, focusing on capitalistic resource extraction and violence against indigenous lands and bodies. Kaitlin obtained her B.A. degree in Geography at Vassar College and her M.A. and Ph.D. in Native American Studies at the University of California, Davis. In 2018, she was awarded the Charles Eastman Fellowship of Native American Studies at Dartmouth College. Dr. Reed is an enrolled member of the Yurok Tribe in Northwestern California. In her free time, she likes to play video games, watch reality television, and spend time with her partner, Michael, and her cat, Fitzherbert.

John Reiss



Born and raised in Southern California, John completed his BA in Biology and Environmental Studies at UC Santa Cruz, then moved east to do his MA and PhD at the Museum of Comparative Zoology at Harvard University. After postdoctoral studies at the University of Arizona, Tucson, he came to Humboldt in Fall 1997.

His research focuses on the evolution, ecology and developmental morphology of amphibians, especially the origins and diversification of the metamorphic patterns seen in living amphibians. His graduate students have worked on a wide variety of topics relating to amphibians, including olfactory morphology, gill structure, population studies, environmental control of neoteny, and chytrid fungal disease. Reiss is also interested in the history, philosophy, and theory of biology, especially evolutionary biology.

Karen Reiss



Reiss was born in New York City and grew up there, in Hong Kong, and ultimately Half Moon Bay, CA. She did her undergraduate work at UC Santa Cruz in biochemistry, and worked with Harvard physiologist John Pappenheimer on digestive physiology, while applying to graduate school. Her graduate work at Cornell University began in avian embryology with Drew Noden and ended with a Ph.D. on convergent evolution in ant eating mammals with Deedra McClearn. She became interested in chipmunks when she moved to Humboldt, and after a short stint as a lecturer at Humboldt moved to College of the Redwoods where she teaches zoology, marine biology, natural history, and human anatomy.

Armeda Reitzel



Reitzel has been a professor at HSU since 1981 and has primarily taught intercultural communication and multilingualism. But she said her most important work has come through service-learning, a pedagogy that teaches students to link what they are learning in the classroom to helping the community.

Reitzel is one of nine full- and part-time teachers for IELI. She discovered an interest in English as a Second Language (ESL) while teaching German in Mexico and got a master's degree in ESL in 1973

Armeda Reitzel listed as an Access Humboldt board member and worked to challenge the FCC's decision on Open Internet rules arguing that these rules are ineffective to protect those who use the internet on mobile devices

Richard Rettig

Rettig is an assistant professor at Central State at Edmond and current chairman of a growing department for undergraduates, including students who enroll in sociology and criminal jurisprudence as a prerequisite for law school. He has engaged in professional and volunteer corrections work since he earned his Doctor of Philosophy degree at the University of Oregon in 1974. He has taught at Humboldt State University in California and Oral Roberts University in Tulsa. He has been on the staff of the Oklahoma Department of Human Services and is regularly a consultant on juvenile and adult corrections.

Mark Buford Rhea
1919-2010

Dr. Rhea began a teaching career at Humboldt State University in 1953. A Professor Emeritus of Soils, he was one of the original faculty members brought to the HSU campus to develop an agriculture and natural resource focus for the campus. He was a long-time Chair of the Resources Planning and Interpretation Department in the old College of Natural Resources. He retired in 1983.

Dr. Rhea was born on Feb. 7, 1919 to Edward S. and Hannah S. Rhea on a small farm near Shepherdsville, KY. After high school, Dr. Rhea attended Oglethorpe University for one year before transferring to Iowa State University where he received a bachelor's degree. He then taught physics and vocational agriculture at Orange High School near Waterloo, Iowa for one year. In 1942, he married Geraldine Pritchard and was drafted in the U.S. Army. He briefly served in the Aleutian Islands and then received additional training as a combat engineer officer specializing in demolition work. He was sent to France and, shortly thereafter, transferred to Gen. George Patton's Third Army for demolition work. After the Germans surrendered, Dr. Rhea directed the installation of phone lines throughout war-torn Germany. He was honorably discharged in 1946. After the war, Dr. Rhea returned to Iowa State University for a master's degree in agricultural education with a minor in agricultural engineering. He taught four years at Minot State University before returning to Iowa State where he received his PhD in agricultural engineering in 1953.

Kenny Richards
Dr. Kenny Richards joined the university community in 1973 when he was recruited to play football for the Lumberjacks. He graduated in 1976 with a BS in Business Administration and a Business Education credential and was hired by the Northern Humboldt Union High School District where he worked for over 36 years. He served as Program Leader and primary instructor in the Educational Leadership Administrative Credential Program at Humboldt State from 2014 to 2024.

Laurie Richmond



Dr. Richmond's research focused on human dimensions of natural resources with an emphasis on marine and coastal systems. She has done research related to the health and sustainability of fishing communities, the social and cultural dimensions of fisheries management and policy, socioeconomic outcomes from marine protected areas, social considerations for the development of offshore renewable energy projects, and planning and community engagement related to sea level rise.

Humboldt Bay is experiencing the fastest rate of sea level rise (SLR) on the entire West coast. Dr. Richmond is part of the Humboldt Sea Level Rise Initiative which brings together an interdisciplinary team of scholars and practitioners from local governments and agencies, Tribes, NGOs, planning firms, and academia to help develop coordinate research and planning related to SLR in the region.

In 2019, Dr. Richmond completed a collaborative project with the commercial fishing communities of Shelter Cove and Eureka on the California North Coast. She collaborated with a variety of partners to engage the communities in a bottom-up planning process that led to the development of Fishing Community Sustainability Plans for each community that included community-driven recommendations to improve each community's overall well-being. The communities have already begun implementing priority recommendations.

She received her PhD from the University of Minnesota in 2011.

Glenda Roberta Gillard Richter
1931-2016



She was the daughter of Mabel Muriel Davidson and John James Edwin Gillard of Canada. After early graduation from Britannia High School, Vancouver, she attended University of British Columbia, University of Alberta, and University of California, Berkeley.

Glenda taught German at Wells College, Aurora, New York, and then at Humboldt State University, Arcata, from 1958 until 1987, where she was faculty president from 1971 to 72. She was an honorary life member of Humboldt Branch American Association of University Women (AAUW).

Richard L. Ridenhour

Ridenhour grew up in Sonoma County and graduating from HSU in 1954, Ridenhour moved to Iowa, where he earned a doctorate at Iowa State in 1958. He began teaching fisheries at HSU in 1960 and, in 1967, he became dean for academic planning. In 1981 he was appointed dean of the College of Natural Resources.

Elizabeth Rienzi



Lecturer in the Sociology department specializing in Race/Ethnicity, Transracial and Transnational Adoption, Asian American Studies, Identity, Sociology of the Family, Feminist Theory, and Qualitative Research Methods.

Marisol Cortes Rincon
-2024



Cortes-Rincon was a member of the anthropology department at Humboldt State University from 2010-2024. Cortes-Rincon spent 14 years heading Humboldt's archaeology program.

Cortes-Rincon was a first-generation student. She and her family moved to the United States from Colombia in her early teenage years. She joined the Humboldt anthropology faculty after the completion of her doctorate in anthropology, with a concentration in archaeology and geographic information systems, from the University of Texas, Austin; master's in anthropology with a concentration in medical anthropology, along with her bachelor's classics with minors in archaeology and pre-law, at Montclair State University.

Celeste Robertson



After working as a Personal Management Specialist Trainee in Pennsylvania the Peace Corps reached out to Celeste to join and get her master's degree. She joined the Peace Corps in 1971 and spent the next six years teaching English as a Foreign Language in Ivory Coast, West Africa. After returning to the U.S., Celeste worked at Peace Corps Headquarters in Washington, DC for

almost three years but the allure of international travel was too strong to resist, and she was hired by the United States Department of State as a Foreign Service Officer/Diplomat and served throughout West Africa for the next ten years

Celeste came to Cal Poly Humboldt in January 2008 having been hired as an Associate Director of the Career Center. In August 2009 Celeste started her position as an EOP advisor and has met and changed the lives of many students whom she genuinely cares for.

Rebecca Robertson



Dr. Robertson served as the Director of the Interdisciplinary Studies - Individualized Degree Program (IDP), developing and managing a flexible degree pathway that meets diverse student needs and goals. Previously, she served as Faculty in Anthropology, Graduate Program Coordinator for the M.A. in Applied Anthropology, Director of the Applied Anthropology and Ethnographic Research Lab, and Faculty Rights Chair for the California Faculty Association. She holds a Ph.D. in Education, an M.A. in Globalization and the Environment, and a B.A. in Anthropology, underscoring her commitment to interdisciplinary learning and collaboration. In 2025 appointed dean at the College of the Redwoods.

Houston Robison

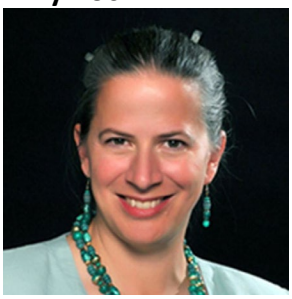
President Siemens nominates Houston Robison of Vice President for Academic Affairs, State University of New York College at Buffalo, for HSU's Dean of the School of Behavioral and Social Sciences. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees in science from the University of Oregon and a doctorate in history from the University of Chicago in 1969.

Mark Rocha

Rocha was born and raised in New York City. He earned a bachelor's degree from Villanova University in Philadelphia in 1975. After he received his degree, he taught high school in Los Angeles. In 1985 he earned a master's degree from CSU Fullerton, and in 1988 he received a doctorate from the University of Southern California, He majored in English. His areas of specialty are in Ameri- can literature and drama, Latino and multicultural literature, and

playwriting, Rocha was also 1995 Fulbright Scholar in American literature at Universidad Simon Bolivar in Venezuela. Before coming to HSU, Rocha was an associate dean and professor of English at CSU Northridge. He became HSU dean on July 1, 1996, leaving in 1998 to go Seton Hall University.

Amy Rock



Amy Rock is a longtime resident of Ohio, and a recent transplant to Northern California, where she teaches geography, GIS and cartography in the Department of Geography, Environment, and Spatial Analysis at Cal Poly Humboldt. She is also the Director of the Geospatial Certificate Program, offered through the College of Extended Education. She received her PhD in Geography from Kent State University.

Doc Rock encourages her students to become engaged in their communities and think critically about politics, economic and community development and the role of nonprofit organizations in our society. She works with nonprofits and community organizations to bring geospatial thinking to contemporary issues. An avid map geek, she shamelessly judges a book (or video game) by its map.

Areas of Interest include community development, rural development, GIS, cartography, participatory GIS and citizen mapping.

Terry D. Roelofs

Dr. Roelofs began his Humboldt career in 1970, guiding and building the department into the internationally recognized center of fisheries excellence that we proudly identify with and support. Terry has served as professor, mentor, fly fishing guru, and inspiration to decades of fisheries students. Roelofs was the first recipient of the American Fisheries Society Award for Excellence in Fisheries Education in 1988.

Eric Rofes
-2006



Mr. Rofes led the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Community Center -- the largest gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender organization in the world -- from 1985 to 1988 and directed San Francisco's Shanti Project for people living with AIDS from 1989 to 1993.

Mr. Rofes, who was trained as a teacher and was fired from a job teaching sixth grade in Belmont, Mass., in 1978 because he was gay, also was an associate professor of education at Humboldt State University in Arcata (Humboldt County), where he lived part time.

Dorothy Romero

Miss Dorothy E. Romero, principal of the College Elementary School and instructor in psychology at the college in the 1940s until her resignation in 1946 to join her new husband at the University of California.

Anne R. Roney

Mrs. Anne Roney was assistant professor of psychiatric nursing. Mrs. Roney had been senior supervising psychiatric nurse at Modesto State Hospital, and formerly served at Letterman Army Hospital in San Francisco coming to Humboldt in 1962.

Charles Milton Roscoe
1923-2016



Born January 18, 1923, to Stanley Boughton Roscoe and Martha Emma Beer Roscoe, Jim began his life on the family ranch in the Mattole Valley before moving to Eureka in 1928 to attend

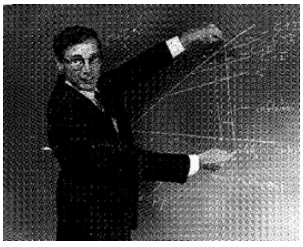
school. From Eureka High School, graduating co-valedictorian, he attended Humboldt State until his enlistment in the Navy V-12 program and was transferred to the University of Oklahoma, where he earned his bachelor's degree in civil engineering. He attended Officer Candidate School and received his commission as Ensign, assigned to the Naval Civil Engineers' Corp (the Seabees). He proudly served his country designing projects in the Western Pacific Theater, notably the radar tower that replaced the famous flag raised by the marines on the top of Mount Suribachi on Iwo Jima. Upon honorable discharge he continued his education, completing his master's degree in civil engineering at Stanford University.

While he enjoyed working in both public and private sectors, including his private practice, as a highway engineer for Caltrans and as City Engineer for Arcata, his true passion was teaching. For 40 years, Jim shared his passion with his Humboldt State students, including organizing the original Civil Engineering degree program and seeing its accreditation in 1960. After a one-year sabbatical at UC Davis in the early 1970's, Jim was instrumental in transforming the Civil Engineering program to an Environmental Resources Engineering program, one of the earliest in the nation. The Engineering Materials Laboratory at HSU is named in his honor, and the Roscoe-Schenler scholarship supports promising future Environmental Engineers.

Phillip A. Rose

Associate professor of industrial arts, program leader and department chair of the teacher preparation programs in 1994.

Ted Ruprecht
1928-2024



Ted was born to Lorraine Follet & Fredrick Kilian Ruprecht in New York's Presbyterian Hospital. His grandfather migrated alone from Germany at 16 years old and rose to became head of the

Standard Oil maritime division. His mother was the first female Art Director of a New York advertising agency. His father quit college to go to sea on a Standard Oil ship. He became a naval architect. He grew up in Brooklyn before moving to Berkeley to complete my PhD in economics completing my dissertation on Population Growth and Egyptian Economic Development.

Ted came to Humboldt State College in 1958, there were only two economists and a student body of 2000. I intended to stay 3-4 years as that was how to play the academic game but ended up staying 33 years — until retirement. In addition to teaching Ted received a Fulbright research grant in the Philippines, later becoming a member of the International Labor Organization and a consultant to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development in Paris. He also spent a term as a visiting scholar in the Demography Department of the Australian National University in Canberra. Later, with support from the Population Council in New York, Ted served for a summer as advisor on population to the Koran Development Institute in Seoul. Together with colleague at HSU, Frank Jewett, they developed a computer program that allowed them to examine the effect of demographic change at the family economic level in contrast to the common macroeconomic level. One result of this work was to be invited to contribute a chapter to a book edited by the French demographer, Leon Tabah, for the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population, the leading world organization for population study. Frank Lorimer, one of its past presidents, nominated Ted for membership and was admitted. A second result was an invitation to present some of their findings at an international conference in Tunisia, a paper and discussion of this and others' papers that had to be done in French. A third result of the work was the publication of the book, *The Micro-economics of Demographic Changes.*

The final international academic experience was another Fulbright, this time to the Karl Marx Institute of Higher Economics in Sofia, Bulgaria in the Fall of 1992. What made this rather extraordinary was that Ted was the first western economist after the change from communism to be at this University, which was the elite economics university in the country. He taught in English to the best and most eager students he ever had before retiring in 1993.

Mark Shaffer
1938-2022

Born December 18, 1938, in Williamsport, Pennsylvania to William and Harriet Kuntz Shaffer, at the age of seven Mark moved with his family to the San Fernando valley, where he grew up and made lifelong friends. He attended Reed College in Portland, Oregon; a semester abroad, experiencing the World Youth Festival in Vienna and visiting Eastern European countries, greatly expanded his interest in the German language, in travel and in world affairs. Graduating from Reed in 1961, Mark received his M.A. from the University of Chicago.

In 1966 he began his life work, teaching German language and literature at Humboldt State University. He organized student exchanges, started a tradition of language retreats at a youth

hostel, went together with a colleague to guide student groups in Germany, and taught or helped his colleagues in world languages teach innovative courses on European literature and culture. He worked with a consortium of local teachers of languages, including indigenous languages.

Retiring in 1998, Mark pursued lifelong interests with renewed energy. He became increasingly active as a member of Humboldt Folk Dancers. He began bicycling with a group of friends, exploring Humboldt highways and back roads and climbing challenging hills. With his wife Maggie, he traveled widely, notably to Mexico, Greece and Vietnam where the two taught English under the auspices of Global Volunteers.

Frank Shaughnessy
-2024

Frank began his career at Cal Poly Humboldt In 1996 as an Assistant Professor of Botany. A marine botanist and ecologist, Frank primarily taught courses in General Botany, Phycology, and Marine Macrophyte Ecology, which engaged first-time students, senior undergraduates, and graduate students. That these courses serve students at different stages of their education speaks to Frank's ability to connect with, inspire, and mentor students of all levels.

Frank was also an accomplished scholar and scientist. In 2021, he was named Outstanding Professor. An expert in eelgrass ecology in Humboldt Bay, he was a founding scientist of the Humboldt Bay Central and Northern California Ocean Observing System.

One of Frank's proudest accomplishments was collaborating on the design of the Cal Poly Humboldt Place-Based Learning Communities (PBLCs). A primary goal of the PBLCs is to foster a sense of belonging for first-time STEM students and the confidence to engage in the research activities of their discipline and for students to learn the relationship of scientific inquiry to environmental, cultural, and civic issues. With the help of Frank's scientific expertise in addition to his talent for creating accessible educational materials, the University launched its first PBLC, Klamath Connection.

Dale Ann Frye Sherman
1949 – 2026



Dale Ann was born in Crescent City. She earned a BA in Museum studies from the UC Santa Cruz in 1992, and a MA from the University of Denver in 1996 in Native-American Museum issues. While working days in Boulder and driving to night classes at Denver University masters' program, she advised and assisted University of Colorado School of Law professor Charles Wilkinson in drafting the first Yurok Constitution. Again, when studying at Denver University, at the request of United Indian Health Services' executive director and board, Dale Ann worked with a Seattle-based architectural firm in designing Potawot Health Village. Dale Ann's professional life was one of deep commitment to her community. After completing her Master's, Dale Ann worked for UC Santa Cruz EOP, the Yurok Tribe as the NAGPRA Coordinator, the Clarke Museum as Nealis Hall curator, and Humboldt State University, teaching in the Native American Studies department, all while contracting as a design, museum and cultural consultant.

Brooks Sibley
1937-2023

Teaching and mentoring were also a passion of his. Before his children were born, he was a big brother at the Boys and Girls club and made deep bonds that turned into lifelong relationships. Brooks' relationship with his little brother, Glenn Hamanaka, began in the 1980s. Their fishing expeditions served as the backdrop for transferring knowledge and passion, with Brooks teaching Glenn the intricacies of ocean navigation and fishing. Their shared experiences only deepened their bond and love for the sea. After teaching forestry at HSU for over 30 years, his impact on the lives of his many students is hard to measure. Taking trips to different states, his family would often run into one of his students who would be so excited to see him and tell him how he had made a difference in their lives.

Brooks was born and raised in San Francisco, being the only child of Ralph and May Brooks Sibley. (26th and Balboa!). His father, Ralph, served in A.E.F. during WWI in France. He was a heavy machine repairman for airplanes, jeeps, trucks, tanks, etc. His mother grew up in Quebec, Canada and attended McGill University for a five-year degree in health education. As a young boy, Brooks had the Golden Gate Park as his playground and rode his bike through the dunes of Ocean Beach. He attended local schools and volunteered for many years as a school crossing guard. He also worked through his Boy Scout badges. Brooks' Uncle Layton taught him how to fish the piers of San Francisco, the bay, and local lakes. In 1956, Brooks graduated from George

Washington High School as valedictorian. He was two years behind Doug Dixon who became his next-door neighbor in Sunnybrae for over 35 years.

To pay for his college career, Brooks worked summers at the Eel River CCC. Experiencing the forest combined with fishing, the rivers of Humboldt opened two lifetime passions – forestry and fishing. He soon transferred to HSU from the junior college in San Francisco. Brooks graduated from HSU in the first forestry class, being part of the team who put together The Forestry Club.

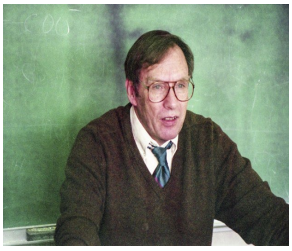
After HSU, Brooks went to work for a few years at the USFS out of Dunsmuir. Later, he returned to school for his master's degree through Oregon State University. Brooks was then hired as an associate professor in the Natural Resources College at HSU. Around 1970, he took an academic sabbatical to procure a PhD at Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Brooks loved teaching and working with students on their career path as a freshman advisor. Whether in the field or in the lab testing fuels on his custom "burn" table, he delighted in sharing his expertise. A quote hung in his office for decades surmised his philosophy, "Give a man a fish, he eats for a day. Teach a man to fish, he eats for a lifetime."

Rodney Merle Sievers
1943-2026

Rodney was born in Chanute, Kansas, to Clarence Sievers and Juanita Bryan Sievers in 1943. He went to undergraduate school in Albuquerque, then got a Woodrow Wilson fellowship and went to the University of Virginia for the M.A. and the PhD, taught in New York for a year and then came to Humboldt in 1971 teaching Colonial America, 20th century America, American social and intellectual history. He collaborated with Professor McBroome on the Teaching American History three-year federal grant in 2004.

Alann Steen



Alann Steen, a former Humboldt State University journalism professor who was catapulted into the international spotlight when he was held hostage in Beirut for nearly five years.

Steen, who also earned double master's degrees at HSU after a six-year stint in the U.S. Marines Corps, which included being briefly deployed outside of Cuba during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

Steen departed HSU to teach at Chico State University before leaving to become a journalism professor at Beirut University College in 1983. He was kidnapped from the campus Jan. 24, 1987, with three of his colleagues before being released Dec. 3, 1991.

The father of three and grandfather of four was the “eighth longest-held Western hostage freed” in Lebanon at the time of his release, which was the result of “complex negotiations” done by United Nations that also included exchanges of prisoners held by Israel for Israeli servicemen missing in Lebanon, according to a *New York Times* article.

Steen also described harsh conditions, including beatings, one of which occurred after he managed to escape his captors for a brief time by crawling through a bathroom widow during his first year of captivity. He was quickly recaptured on a Beirut street — which he attributed to “bad luck” in the *Journal* interview — and as punishment he “was pretty well pummeled.” The injuries he suffered that night left him with “life-long medical consequences.”

Steen was also a world traveler, making solo kayak trips through Alaska and the Yukon Territory, with experiences like being struck by lightning and coming face-to-face with a grizzly bear generating stories for publications like *Outdoor Life*.

Steen returned to Humboldt County for the first time following his captivity on March 26, 1992, to present the Hadley Distinguished Lecture in community journalism at HSU.

Richard Stepp
-2025

Dick joined the faculty of Humboldt State University in 1973 and taught Physics and Meteorology courses until his retirement in 2012. He took several turns as department chair and created courses on our campus that are still taught in his unique way. He earned a Ph.D. in Meteorology and Atmospheric Processes from Penn State University, and later joined Humboldt’s Physics & Astronomy program. His scholarly interests were imaginative and distinctive. He published papers on incorporating the workings of a bicycle into introductory physics labs so that students could connect the concepts they were learning in class to their real world experiences. He even self-published a text titled, Making Theories to Explain the Weather.

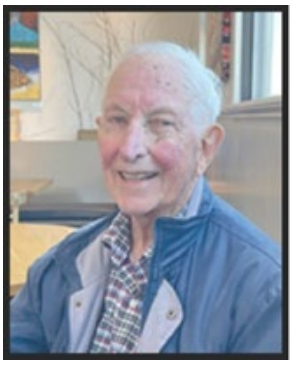
John Sterns



John Sterns served as an executive director of university advancement in July of 1998. His role consisted of fundraising for the university, administration of university scholarships, and oversight of three extracurricular student organizations: the First Street Art Gallery, KHSU, the campus radio station, and the Natural History Museum. In the fall of 2001, Sterns was diagnosed with Schizoid Affective Disorder, which was used as an explanation for his actions at the university during his court trial for embezzlement. Sterns caused substantial damage to the university, leading to about half the staff being let go from KHSU and issues with convincing potential donors from contributing to the university.

Colonel John (Jack) Stoob

1934-2024



He was born in 1934 and raised in San Francisco, California.

He lived an amazing and long life all over the world as a Sea Scout, clarinet player, UC Berkeley graduate, Texas A & M graduate, US Air Force navigator & officer (25 years) and a college professor at California State University, Humboldt (25 years).

His Air Force travels took him to US Air Force bases around the world including Kelly Field, Texas; Johnson, Japan; Mather, California; Wurtsmith, Michigan; Tahkli, Thailand; Bolling, Washington D.C.; Wright Patterson, Ohio; Ramstein, Germany. He was quite shocked when moving from San Francisco to Texas in the 1950s for Air Force training that the Texas weather was not at all like San Francisco weather.

He was a member of the Ramblers walking group, participating in an investment group, volksmarching with the IVV in Europe and walking the American Volksport Association in the US, joining the North Coast Aviation Society, joining a book group, playing bridge, participating in the Humboldt State retired faculty club.

He donated money and goods to many causes, especially Hospice of Humboldt. He explored jazz clubs in Tokyo in the late 1950s, developing a lifelong love of jazz. He loved family, friends, wine, ice cream and walking.

Donald F. Strahan

Retired in 1983 after 21 years with the university in several administrative positions.

Linda Ann (Filippini) Swinney
1945-2023

She was a native of Hughson, California. After graduating from high school, she attended Chico State College. After moving to Arcata, California she was employed as a Laboratory Assistant at the Student Health Center at Humboldt State University for 26 years.

Sara Myers Turner
1926-2022

Sara was born September 15, 1926, in Hattiesburg, Mississippi to Idelia and Robert T. Myers. Sara and her brothers, Bobby and Bill lived through the Depression of the 30s which she described as "not a hardship of importance" for the tight-knit family. She attended Ole Miss and earned a BA in Sociology and Psychology in 1947. Sara accepted a scholarship to study at the University of Chicago. She earned a master's degree in Social Service Administration and met her future husband, Jim, who was also from Hattiesburg. They married on December 31, 1948. Sara and Jim had three sons in the 50's, Mark, Paul, and Scott. In '65 the family moved to Arcata. Jim was to become the Vice President for Academic Affairs at Humboldt State College.
Following one's husband was typical back then, but Sara had ambitions of her own. When Jim resigned his post in administration to return to teaching, she resumed to her studies and was soon offered a position as Associate and then Full Professor at what had grown to be HSU. Sara's work experience helped her mentor students develop skills in their field work placements. Her

success was honored with a Fulbright Grant. The award opened the door for her to teach in Taiwan for a year.

Richard Louis Thompson
1939(?)-2022

Richard was born Louis Richard Theos in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Martha Smart (Vernal, Utah) and Louis P. Theos -Theophilaktopoulos-Theophilou (Kalavryta, Greece). From the time he was a baby, he was raised by his mother and his maternal grandparents Paula Margarette Schreiber and William Haines Smart. He was later adopted by his stepfather Benjamin Thompson-Tomelovich-Tomalonis and his name changed to Richard Louis Thompson.

Richard graduated in 1957 from South High in Salt Lake City, Utah. He served a mission in Germany and became fluent in the language and love of German culture. He then graduated from the University of Utah with a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering. He worked briefly for Hercules Chemical Co. as a chemical engineer on Minuteman missiles and rocket propulsion. During this time, he met the love of his life Betty James and sold his motorcycle to pay for her wedding ring. They married in August of 1964 after knowing each other for only three months. They then moved to Seattle where she taught elementary school while he completed his doctorate in Particle Physics in four years (typically seven) at the University of Washington. He also did research at the Brookhaven National Laboratory, Long Island, New York, and then at the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center. In 1968 they moved to Arcata, California, when Richard was hired by Humboldt State University where he enjoyed his passion for teaching physics and inspiring students to learn until his retirement in 2001. His focus at HSU was always on providing excellent education, not on making a name for himself as a researcher. He felt very strongly about it. He was dearly loved and respected by his colleagues, faculty, and students. His career at HSU provided opportunity for three year-long sabbaticals. One in Hamburg, Germany, at DESY (a nuclear particle accelerator) and later at Oxford University in England, where he continued studies in particle physics. During one experiment he was involved with discovering and measuring, for the first time, the mass of one of the quarks.

Cortiaan "Art" Vanderklis
1937-2022

Corstiaan "Art" Vanderklis was born on July 4, 1937, in Gouda, Holland. Art lived in the Netherlands under German occupation during WWII, until he was 9 years old, when he immigrated to the U.S. with his family. They arrived first in Piercy, CA and remained until Art was in high school, at which time they moved and settled in Humboldt County. Art attended Arcata High School, where he met the love of his life, Patricia Wilkerson, who he married and

remained faithful to for over 65 years. Shortly after graduating high school in 1956, Art and Pat had two children — Kimberlee, in 1958, and Carl, in 1961 — whom he loved with all his heart.

Art began a career in law enforcement in 1959 at the Arcata Police Department and concluded his 32 years of service in 1991, with Humboldt State University as the Chief of Police and Public Safety. During his time at HSU, Art was selected to attend the FBI Academy, a tremendous honor and something he took great pride in. After he retired from law enforcement, not entirely ready to hang up his hat, Art worked in private security for 10 years at Smith Security.

Art took an active role in his community as a member of Rotary Club of Arcata, Humboldt County Peace Officers Association, National Peace Officers Association, FBI National Academy Association, Humboldt Black Powder Heritage, Jed Smith Mountain Men and Siskiyou Mountain Men, to name a few.

Edward Webb
1937-2024



Throughout his 25-year career as dean of students and, later, vice president of student affairs, Edward “Buzz” Webb, who passed away at the age of 86 in March 2024, left a footprint as a leader who transformed student engagement at Cal Poly Humboldt.

Born in Indianapolis and raised mostly in San Diego, Webb’s career in student affairs began at San Diego State. While pursuing a master’s degree in public administration/political science, Webb held various positions including assistant to the dean of students and associate dean of students. In 1970, he received a Ph.D. in psychology at California Western University in San Diego. Four years later, President Alistair McCrone hired Webb as the dean of students for what was then Humboldt State University.

“Buzz came through Humboldt on a family vacation and thought it was the most beautiful place,” says Webb’s wife, Judy. “When the job for dean of students came up, he immediately applied. He loved the idea of working in a small school with students in the redwoods. And it proved to be the best job of his whole career.”

Webb created programs that have left a mark on the University and the North Coast. Under his leadership, the University expanded recreational programs with the addition of club sports, new

outdoor adventures such as backpacking, sailing, rafting, and rock climbing, and expanding intramural sports. He was also instrumental in the creation of CenterArts, supporting the effort to implement a variety of cultural programs on the campus. Today, CenterArts is a cultural hub of the North Coast, bringing high-quality performing arts programming to the region since 1980.

"He wanted to be part of building Humboldt into an outstanding university," says Humboldt alumnus Burt Nordstrom, whose first full-time job after graduating was in Student Affairs, where he was inspired by Webb's vision. "Buzz loved the beauty of Humboldt County and wanted to put our surroundings to good use through programs and activities. He saw it as a perfect tie-in to the academic side and residential campus to make us a university where we can offer students a comprehensive experience in and out of the classroom."

Ultimately Webb's accomplishments were rooted in his determination to provide a rich, well-rounded experience by engaging with and learning from students.

"He was committed to students. He valued them and placed them at the center of his work," says Rees Hughes, who also worked under Webb and served as director of Student Life.

From meeting perspective students and their families at recruiting events to driving the bus for weekend-long geography class field trips, Webb lowered barriers between professional staff and students.

"Students came first, and you could see that by his approach to management. He would wander around campus talking to students and colleagues. He was always trying to get a read on what was needed to improve the university experience. He was also the biggest influence in my career," says Nordstrom. Following Webb's leadership style, Nordstrom became University vice president for Advancement and later served as vice president for Administrative Affairs.

"He taught me that the key to success was being able to communicate and work with people in a team environment. Buzz was a mentor to many students and staff throughout his career and in retirement. There is no question that his guidance and advice were a significant influence on my career, for which I will always be grateful," Nordstrom says.

Randi Darnell Burke, former dean of students, says Webb saw mentoring as a two-way street. "He knew that students were also his mentors. Student relationships and feedback helped inform his work, values, and beliefs as a vice president for Student Affairs."

Webb was just as involved with the local community as he was with the campus community. He volunteered for the Humboldt Literacy Project and was a board member and counselor for Six Rivers Planned Parenthood. After he retired, Webb became a board member of the Headwaters Board and the Compass Community Credit Union. He also taught courses part-time in career planning, leadership, and psychology at the University.

"Sometimes legacies are not always one big thing but a series of many smaller things," Hughes says. "Buzz touched many students and staff and made a substantial difference in their lives. That is a wonderful legacy."

Webb's legacy of cultivating future leaders lives on through the Webb Student Leadership Fund. The fund was established in 2005 by the Webbs, who believed that Humboldt students make a difference in communities and in the world, and, with encouragement and opportunity, students can rise to the challenge. The fund supports the Outstanding Student Awards—an annual event that recognizes the academic and co-curricular excellence of students—leadership conferences, and other University leadership activities.

Wendy L. Woodward
-2021

Wendy was born in Bremerton, Washington and grew up in Ventura, spending nearly all of her adult life in Humboldt County. Wendy was a registered nurse and nursing faculty for Humboldt State University program from 1979 through her retirement as the Chair of the Nursing Program. Wendy graduated with her BSN from Chico State University Nursing Program in 1975, initially working as a critical care RN, and earned her master's in nursing at University of Washington in 1979. In 1990, Wendy earned her PhD at University of Texas, Austin.

John "Jack Lee Yarnall
1932-2023



Jack was born January 27, 1932 to John and Daisy Yarnall in White Plains, New York. He was their first son, followed by his brother James. His childhood was filled with a mix of urban living and outdoor adventures. He spent time with his mom's family in Washington, D.C. and recalled special trips into Manhattan to visit his dad's office in Midtown. His dad frequently took his boys on fly fishing trips, including a pivotal one to Poe Valley, Pennsylvania, which led his parents to purchase property in the valley that remains in the family today. Until his final years, Jack felt closest to his parents and brother at the cabin in Poe Valley.

Seeking independence and more outdoor adventures, Jack headed west after high school enrolling at the University of Montana in 1949. There he met fellow student and the love of his life, Maureen Fulmor, who he married in 1953. He graduated with a degree in Forestry and followed his ROTC Air Force commitment to flight training in Bryan, Texas. While in Bryan, he and Maureen welcomed their first son Jeffrey in 1954. Twin boys James and John were born in

1956 while he was stationed at Malmstrom AFB in Great Falls, Montana. His Air Force career included helicopter training which led to an assignment in Labrador, Canada where was stationed at Goose Bay as a helicopter pilot.

After leaving the Air Force, Jack re-enrolled at the University of Montana in a master's program. When not studying, Jack worked for Johnson Flying Service as a pilot. He dropped smoke jumpers and fire retardant on wildfires throughout the Western US. His duties included aerial spraying of forest lands in the Spring. He continued working fire seasons until the 1970s as his side job - partially for the money but also because it gave him lots of time in the air. He remained proud of his "smokejumper days" which perfectly combined his forestry degree and love of flying.

In 1962 Jack enrolled in the Marine Biology PhD program at Stanford University and moved his family to Palo Alto. He described the program as "the government's answer to SPUTNIK, which was to get as many of us into science as possible." He seized the opportunity and developed a love for science and the ocean that remained through his life. A move to Pacific Grove in 1964, led him to discover diving and he spent hours underwater. His studies took him on a research vessel through Latin America, as the Head Dive Officer where he learned the helpful phrase, "donde estan las cervezas?" He took his family to Hawaii for a summer in 1968 where he conducted octopus research. He ultimately completed his thesis on the functional anatomy and feeding behavior of nudibranchs. While he received an outstanding education focused on invertebrate marine biology, he was a renaissance man. All fields of study were worthy, and all scholarship was appreciated. That intense curiosity, near photographic memory and love of learning were present his entire life. Being an older graduate student led Jack to "adopt" many fellow students. He and Maureen held parties and their home became the hub for many in the marine biology program. He spoke more of the friends they made during this period of his life than he did his formal education.

In 1969, Jack accepted a tenure-track position in the Biology Department at Humboldt State University. He and his family moved to Freshwater, and Jack remained in the department until he retired in 1993. While at Humboldt, Jack taught many courses, his favorite being invertebrate zoology, and had a genuine love for teaching, especially if it meant getting undergraduate students into the field. He held annual mussel feeds in his yard for his students and loved getting them wet, whether it was at the marine lab in Trinidad, in the pond in his backyard, or "warming up in the nuclear plant runoff" in Humboldt Bay after digging specimens in the bay mud. He was a teacher at heart and said that the favorite thing about his time at Humboldt was, "the memories of seeing students—the light go on in their eyes when they finally grasped something or made something work." Jack served as the department chair for Biology and was also active on the California State University Academic Senate for many years. He was most proud of his time as an Executive Committee member of the Senate and his time as a "campus politician."

While not teaching, Jack continued to fly. He had a glider which he launched with the help of his boys and a homemade winch. Later, his red-and-white-striped hot air balloon, the “Candy Striper,” became a fixture in Humboldt County skies. He formed fast friendships - or at least understandings - with many Ferndale dairy farmers who owned the fields he used to land his balloon. His tethered balloon visits to his grandkids’ elementary schools made a lasting impression on hundreds of kids. His love for flying machines never wavered and even when he stopped piloting them himself, he visited flight museums, and peppered family with questions about their commercial flights and routes.

Jack loved college athletics, particularly Humboldt State Athletics. He was the faculty athletics representative for the NCAA and to HSU’s conference. He appreciated student athletes who “succeeded academically and also performed.” He and Maureen endowed a scholarship to support outstanding athlete-scholars. He had a fondness for women’s sports and attended crew races, volleyball games, cross-country meets, and softball games in addition to basketball and football. For many years he was the official scorekeeper for basketball games at HSU. While he kept meticulous scores, he was also beloved for the bags of “monster cookies” that he baked and brought to the home team.

He was a fervent cheerleader and the gift of his memory extended past his scholarship and into personal best times and heat and lane assignments. In his retirement Jack volunteered and donated his resources generously. He loved the Humboldt County Jazz Festival and volunteered to drive the bands. He was a volunteer for Big Brothers Big Sisters. He drove seniors to medical appointments well into his own senior years. He served on the Humboldt County Grand Jury. The HSU athletics auction was a marked event on his calendar and his family always wondered what he would come home with each year.

Carlton Yee
1941-2024



Carlton Yee, resident of Eagle, Idaho died on Dec. 13, 2024, at the age of 83. Born on May 25, 1941, in Morenci, Arizona, to Joe and Laura Yee, he was raised in the San Francisco Bay Area and graduated from San Mateo High School in 1959. He continued his collegiate education at

Humboldt State University in (BS)Forest Management, Yale University in (MF) Industrial Forest Administration, and Oregon State University for a Ph.D. in Forest Engineering and Hydrology.

Early in his varied career, he worked as a Timber Sales Officer for the US Forest Service and an Intelligence Analyst with the NRO. He was University Professor at various universities, including Humboldt State University (now Cal Poly Humboldt) for 30 years doing research and instruction in Forest Operations and Forest Hydrology.

Besides a Ph.D., he had more than 30 years of research experience in forest operations, water quality, fishery habitat and soil erosion processes and mitigation. In addition, he was one of two technical advisors to the Best Management Practices Subcommittee of the Board of Forestry from 1978 to 1980, which resulted in the first revision to soil erosion, watercourse and lake protection, and other forest practice regulations.

From 1983 to 1991, he served as chair and vice-chair of the State Board of Forestry. He was also chair of the Board's Forest Practices Committee and headed up negotiations with the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) towards Best Management Practices certification of the Forest Practice Rules. He also led efforts to institute the first joint monitoring efforts of the Department of Forestry and State Water Board, the Monitoring and Assessment Plan, and the "208 Study." He was also the expert examiner for the Professional Forester Examining Committee, the group that examines and disciplines Registered Professional Foresters (RPFs) in the state. Carl held RPF license number 911. He retired from university life in 2000 but continued to be engaged in consulting forestry for clients in the western US.