

Obituaries

David G. Mandelbaum (1911–1987)

David G. Mandelbaum, Professor Emeritus of Anthropology at the University of California, Berkeley, died on April 19, 1987, at the age of 76. Born in 1911 in Chicago, Illinois, Professor Mandelbaum received his A.B. in 1932 and Ph.D. in 1936 from Yale University. He began his academic career as instructor at the University of Minnesota in 1938 and rose to become professor in 1948 at the University of California, Berkeley.

He wrote three major books, *Society in India* (volumes 1 and 2) and *Human Fertility in India* (1974) and many papers dealing with anthropology, comparative studies, India, peoples of the Nilgiris (India), American Indians, Jews and Judaism, and anthropological applications. He did field research in South India at various times between 1937 and 1976 and in North India in 1963–64. He received numerous honors and fellowships and served on committees of many professional organizations. He was a member of the research advisory board of the Association for Asian Studies during 1960–62. He contributed greatly to research, publication, teaching, and public service in the United States and India.

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Sharon Hamilton Nolte (1948–1987)

Sharon H. Nolte, Assistant Professor of History at DePauw University, died July 11, 1987, of an aneurism in her brain. She was thirty-eight.

Nolte received her B.A. from Carleton College in 1970. She was one of the very few women to complete an entire graduate career at Yale, receiving her M.A. in 1972 and her Ph.D. in 1979. Her dissertation on liberalism in Japan focused on the work of Tanaka Ōdō. Before finishing her degree, financial exigencies forced her to begin teaching. She taught at Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina (1978–79), the University of Wisconsin, LaCrosse (1979), and the University of Iowa (spring of 1980). She taught for four years at Southern Methodist University before moving to DePauw in 1984. At DePauw she was instrumental in building a program in East Asian Studies.

Nolte began her career as an intellectual historian. Her book, *Liberalism in Modern Japan: Ishibashi Tanzan and His Teachers, 1905–1960* (University of California Press, 1987), was preceded by articles on individualism in modern Japan, Tanaka Ōdō and John Dewey, and Ōnishi Hajime. Gradually, her interests shifted to women's history. Her publications in this field include an article on women, the state, and repression in imperial Japan and one on the 1931 suffrage bill. At her death, Nolte was working on a book on women and the state in prewar Japan.

A thoroughly professional scholar, Nolte possessed a wry sense of humor, wide-ranging knowledge of Japanese and Western history, a sharp critical eye, and keen

editorial judgment. Both her teaching and her publications served to clarify ways in which East Asian history is a part of our common cultural heritage.

DePauw University has established a scholarship fund in her honor. Contributions may be sent to Ms. Wanda Bundy, Gifts and Records Office, DePauw University, Greencastle, IN 46135.

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