

In Memoriam

Edward Artinian

Edward Artinian, founder and owner of Chatham House Publishers, died peacefully in his sleep on September 8, 1997. He was born on January 27, 1936—a superb vintage for political scientists. A member of the APSA for over 35 years, Ed practiced political science in ways and places different from most. But, measured by his contributions to the discipline, by his presence in it, and his positive impact—especially on young people—within the profession he ranks with senior figures in distinguished departments at major universities.

Ed received his Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from Brown University in 1961 and began a remarkable career in publishing while earning a master's degree in business from Columbia University. After a brief stint with Dodd, Mead, he moved to David McKay Publishers, in New York. Ed was nominally deputy director of the college department and a traveling editor and salesman. In reality, however, he soon began to expand and reshape McKay's list in the social sciences. His editorial style in the 1960s and 1970s was both sound and daring: He fostered the integration of radical and traditional scholarship in both form and content, thus enlivening the mainstream literature, including textbooks, while at the same time helping younger scholars to establish their careers without compromising their integrity.

While still at McKay, Ed published some of the earliest works in radical political science and in feminist studies of politics, and he worked hard and effectively to ensure that such work was not relegated to the margins. He brought together some of the latest scholarship and material intended for use in the classroom. Even at McKay, but more noticeably at Chatham House, the publishing house he created with the help of his wife Pat in the late

1970s, he strove to bring elements of university press-caliber research and writing to books that sold well and served students and teachers very well. His achievements in the practice of publication were equal to his contributions to the discipline. He was at once a creative editor and a hard-headed, successful businessman—a natural at integrating publishing and selling. Success in both requires people skills; and, as literally thousands of political scientists who encountered him at his booth at the Association's Annual Meetings and most regional meetings or in their offices can attest, he was the exemplar of those traits.

Ed started Chatham House at an inauspicious moment in the economics of academic publishing, yet, in less than 20 years, he built it into a highly regarded house, with some of the most prestigious authors and many promising young scholars. It is a dynamic house, viable and growing. In recent years, its list came to include work in international relations and more specialized studies in comparative politics and political theory. Ed was moving toward a balanced list, but, perhaps inevitably, given the great success of many of the house's earlier titles in American politics, institutions and policy, as well as his own inclinations, tilting a bit toward home. A reasonably good appreciation of the progress of Chatham House can be gained by consulting the back covers of most issues of *PS*, the inside back covers of the *APSR*, and most national and regional political science convention programs for the past 20 years. Ed was proud of his work and he strove to make it visible and available so people could judge its quality for themselves.

With a convivial personal style and monumental generosity of spirit and hospitality, he engaged, helped, and built life-long friendships with an astonishing number and variety of people, in Europe as well as in the United States. He became one of

the best-known and most valued members of the discipline and was an untiring catalyst for the formation of collaborative partnerships among young scholars. He was selfless in helping young editors, starting several in their careers in publishing and nurturing others who grew into his competitors. It sometimes seemed that he was not satisfied by helping people one by one, so, writing with Chris Kelaher, he reached out to all members of the APSA with an invaluable guide, "How to Select a Publisher in Political Science" (*PS* 27: 84–90). This commitment to scholarly publishing in the discipline will be carried on through the newly established APSA Edward Artinian Memorial Endowment Fund for Scholarly Publishing, to which contributions can be made through the American Political Science Association. (A separate notice in this issue carries the particulars of the Endowment Fund.)

There are countless markers to Ed Artinian's memory. He leaves his wife, Pat, a most supportive partner in life. And, in addition to his multitude of friends in and out of the discipline, he leaves behind the scores of excellent books he edited and published, the hundreds of careers he fostered, the tens of thousands of students whose studies his meticulous craft and wisdom enriched, and the myriad restaurateurs who will never forget his genuine and cultivated appreciation of their table.

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