
IN MEMORIAM

WALTER OWEN FILLEY

Walter Owen Filley, Jr., passed away on March 23, 2010, at age 89 in Manchester Center, Vermont, where he had lived for seven years in an assisted living facility. Born in New Haven, Connecticut, on September 22, 1920, he attended New Haven High School and graduated from the the Choate School in 1937. He then spent a year as an exchange student sponsored by Choate in a South German school. He received his BA from Yale in 1942 before joining the Army for three years, serving mostly as a sergeant in the Counterintelligence Corps with the 2nd Armored Division in Western Europe from 1944 to 1945.

In January 2000, Walt completed an essay entitled "A Connecticut Yankee in a Nazi School, 1937–1938," in which he recounted his experience at the Nationalsozialistische Deutsche Oberschule Starnbergersee in the village of Feldafing outside of Munich. He related how he attempted there to remain "open-minded," and to function as a "participant observer." He realized that he had become fascinated with the "social sciences" as he observed the reactivated economy, growth in armaments, and revived sense of grievance and nationalism in Germany in the late 1930s. He stood in the midst of cheering throngs in the streets of Munich when Hitler returned from Vienna in triumph after the Anschluss in 1938. For Walt, his time as an exchange student in Germany was "the crucial turning point" in his life. Later, when working in the Counterintelligence Corps in occupied Germany, Walt's earlier experience and knowledge helped in the identification of those associated with the defunct Nazi party.

After receiving his Ph.D. from Yale in 1950, Walt taught political science at the University of Michigan from 1949 to 1951, at Wesleyan University in Connecticut from 1951 to 1958, and at the State University of New York at Binghamton from 1958 to 1987. During these years, he participated in various civic and professional organizations, becoming president of both the New York State Political Science Association and the Northeastern Political Science Association. After retiring, he helped organize a new university-affiliated institute for lifelong learning (Lyceum) and

taught and enjoyed courses until health conditions made it necessary for him to move to Connecticut and, later, to Vermont. He continued to be engaged with issues of public policy and world affairs throughout his remaining years.

Walt's main area of teaching and research was international relations. Much of his published research pertained to conflicts in multi-ethnic states, including his "Social Structure and Canadian Political Parties," which appeared in the *Western Political Quarterly* in December 1956. He had a lifelong interest in matters of war and peace. Walt inspired numerous students to go on to careers in academic political science and government. Both students and colleagues benefited from the qualities of warmth, generosity, and kindness that were so much a part of him.

Walt is survived by his daughter, Anne Filley; son-in-law, David Squires; grandson, Kirdan Squires; and granddaughter, Aeran Squires, all of Bondville, Vermont. He was predeceased by his wife of 43 years, Amy Salisbury Filley, and his second wife of two years, Mary Jane Hansen.

Michael C. Stratford
Central Michigan University

DENNIS W. HOSTETLER

Dennis W. Hostetler of Collinsville, professor emeritus of public administration and policy analysis, died December 31, 2010, after a long illness. He was 68.

Before joining Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville in 1975 in what was then known as the Government and Public Affairs division, later part of the School of Social Sciences, Hostetler taught English and American culture for the Peace Corps at the College Moyen de Gafsa in Tunisia. He also was a teaching assistant at the University of Iowa, where he was studying for a master's and then a doctoral degree, both in political science. He earned the doctorate in 1974. He had received a bachelor's in philosophy in 1965 at the University of Montana. From 1972 to 1975, Hostetler was an assistant professor, teaching American government, public administration, state and local government, political statistics, and analysis,

among other subjects, all at Quincy College in Illinois.

He served as department chair of the newly named SIUE department of public administration and policy analysis from 1988 to 1996, and also served on committees for the Chancellor's office during his career at the University. He was the author of several publications on public finance, teaching, and lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) issues; served as a consultant for state and local government agencies; and received the SIUE Teaching Excellence Award in 2003. He retired from the University in 2006.

Active in the LGBT community, Hostetler served on the boards of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG); Services and Advocacy for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Elders (SAGE) of Metro St. Louis; and Prime Timers St. Louis, an educational organization for older gay or bisexual men. Hostetler was also an avid world traveler, a competitive tennis player, a bicycle enthusiast, a member of the Gateway Squares (a gay square-dancing organization), and enjoyed playing bridge with friends. He relished intense discussions, usually about politics and life, and cherished extended family and friends.

SARAH J. M. MISKIN

It is with a heavy heart that the American Australian Association and APSA Congressional Fellowship announce the passing on Saturday, February 19, 2011, of American Australian Association/APSA Congressional Fellow Sarah Jane Merl Miskin of Canberra, Australia. Her immediate survivors include her husband Ben Miskin. Having battled with cancer which delayed her participation in the class of 2008–09, the cancer went into remission and she joined her 2009–10 class of Congressional Fellows for the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies Foreign Affairs Seminar in October 2009. The remission, however, was regrettably short-lived, and she had to return to Australia in January 2010. Throughout this tragic roller-coaster of health, and in the regrettably brief four months of her association with the fellowship, Sarah Miskin displayed a tenacity of spirit,

an indomitable optimism, an infectious love of friendship, and a thorough commitment to the fellowship—her legacy includes a standard of excellence as a Fellow which will be hard to match by the generations of Fellows who will follow in her wake. She was the epitome of what can hope for in the international participation in the fellowship.

With a Ph.D. in political science from the Australian National University, an MA in political science from the University of Canterbury, New Zealand, and a Diploma of Journalism from Wellington Polytechnic, New Zealand, Sarah Miskin entered the APSA Congressional Fellowship as the Acting Executive Adviser to the Secretary of the Department of Parliamentary Services, Parliament House, Canberra, Australia. She was the author of a score of publications dealing with the Australian parliamentary process and had been the book review editor of the Australian Political Studies Association Journal, the *Australian Journal of Political Science*, since February 2006. In her recommendation of Sarah for the Fellowship, the Australian Parliamentary Librarian noted that “she has displayed an outstanding ability to analyse, think creatively about a range of issues and work with others on assessing the future directions of our clients and of the Library’s services. The Congressional Fellowship would provide a very timely opportunity for her to take forward her work on delivering information and analysis services to Senators and Members [of the U.S. Congress].” Although the expectation was not to be fulfilled, she will be remembered in the months and years ahead by those Congressional Fellows and congressional staff who were fortunate enough to begin to know her in the regrettably brief period of her time with us.

PHILIP J. SCHLESSINGER

Dr. Philip J. Schlessinger died at age 96 on September 22, 2010. He had taught political science at Los Angeles City College (LACC) for more than 60 years.

Originally from Minneapolis, he received his bachelor’s and master’s degrees at the University of Minnesota, where he and Hubert Humphrey were teaching assistants together. Schlessinger received his doctorate in public administration from the University of Southern California in 1943. He started teaching at LACC in 1947 and also taught courses over the years at Ful-

lerton Community College, California State College in Los Angeles, and California State College at Northridge. He formally retired from LACC in 1986 but continued teaching courses there into his 90s.

His scholarship included authoring multiple editions of *Elements of California Government*. He motivated students to participate in government, taking students on field trips to observe the California legislature and inspiring many of his students to seek careers in public office.

Dr. Schlessinger was a political activist. He served on the Democratic Party’s State Central Committee in the 1950s and ran for the California state assembly several times, losing by only 190 votes in 1958. His most important success as a lobbyist on behalf of his school was getting the Los Angeles Community College District separated from the Los Angeles Unified School Board. He served on the University of California Regents advisory committee. He was appointed in 1987 as a public member of the California Psychology Examining Board. He served as the secretary to the board and as the chair of its Legislation Committee, acting as liaison between the board and the legislature in successful efforts to change the board’s name to the Board of Psychology and establish mandatory continuing education for psychologists.

He was married to his wife Phyllis for 60 years before she predeceased him. They enjoyed cruising around the world several times. My cousin proudly showed me Dr. Schlessinger’s architecturally significant house in the Los Feliz area of Los Angeles, a house that was designed for the couple in 1952 by Viennese-born architect Rudolf Schindler.

Philip Schlessinger was recognized in 2001 by the Los Angeles Community College with their Outstanding Humanitarian Award. In accepting that award, he explained that LACC was his dream college, because “it discriminates against no one, puts up no forbidding financial barriers, and sets up its operations for the many students who must work to attend college.”

Herbert F. Weisberg
The Ohio State University

FRANK TACHAU

Frank Tachau, one of the leading scholars of Middle Eastern politics, died on July 23, 2010, at the age of 80 in Sykesville, Mary-

land, after battling with multiple myeloma for two years. Born in Braunschweig, Germany, Professor Tachau moved with his family to Chicago at the age of seven in 1936. He studied at the University of Chicago, earning a bachelor’s and a master’s degree in political science. His MA thesis on the diplomacy of the Turkish Straits between 1936 and 1946 led to his remarkable Ph.D. dissertation, which offered one of the first scholarly accounts of Turkish nationalism in 1958. What distinguished Professor Tachau’s analyses from others studying the Middle East was his extensive ethnographic work in the region. His unique language skills allowed him to learn modern Turkish very quickly in 1956 and opened the door for him to master historical Ottoman Turkish as well. During his multiple visits to the region, Professor Tachau studied the history of the Ottoman Empire and also noted the emerging institutions of the new Turkish republic. His extensive stays in the region equipped him with unique insights into the views of the country’s political elite and the mechanisms of its fledgling democracy.

Professor Tachau started his academic career at Purdue University–Fort Wayne (Indiana), before moving on to Rutgers University. He joined the University of Illinois at Chicago Circle, now the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC), in 1968 and spent the remainder of his professional life there. He was an active participant in the drastic transformation of UIC from a little-known state university to a university of international stature. The ensuing rapid growth of the political science department faced challenges. He provided significant leadership along the way, stepping in when needed to chair the department on two occasions for a total of eight years. He and his wife Paula tirelessly provided intellectual and social leadership by opening their home on countless occasions for departmental events. His thoughtful and piercingly effective leadership helped to smooth out the rough edges in a demanding and often taxing institutionalization process.

Professor Tachau’s scholarly interest covered a broad range. He was truly an interdisciplinary scholar before the term became fashionable. One of the many things that set him apart from others was his willingness to write books for an unconventional audience and his ability to make his work relevant to broader audiences. He did not shy away, for instance, from contributing to a school book series