



November 5, 2018

Dear MANECCS Members,

It is with a heavy heart that I relay to you the news of the passing of Dr. George Sulzner, professor of Political Science and Canadian Studies at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

George was a life-long friend and champion of Canadian Studies in the United States. He not only served as the president of MANECCS but also served as president of our national organization, the Association for Canadian Studies in the United States. George was a constant present at ACSUS and MANECCS conferences, providing warm welcomes to new participants and members, sharp analysis to paper presenters, and kind words of encouragement to struggling academics (including me on more than one occasion). For his life-long service to Canadian Studies, ACSUS awarded George the prestigious Donner Medal in 2011.

It would be impossible to capture the impact George had on Canadian Studies, and academics more broadly, in words. He was a pillar of strength and fortitude and a champion of rigorous academic debate that had real meaning and impact on citizens of both the United States and Canada. His presence will be greatly missed but he leaves a shining example to us as teachers, scholars, mentors and friends.

A memorial service for him will be held at 1:00 PM, Friday, November 9, 2018 at the Unitarian-Universalist Church, which is located at 121 North Pleasant Street in Amherst, Massachusetts. Messages of condolence would be greatly appreciated by George's wife, Fran Plumer, and may be mailed to her at 48 Pine Grove, Amherst, MA 01002. Personal contributions in his honor may be made in his name to Craig's Doors (a caring shelter for homeless people) at www.craigdoors.org and to the Unitarian-Universalist Music Fund at www.uusocietyamherst.org/worship/music-and-choir through the "Give" tab of the top menu.

Sincerely,

Brian Payne
President, MANECCS