

In Memorium

James Michael Lutz

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James Michael Lutz was born in New Philadelphia, Ohio, on September 1, 1946. Jim graduated from Arlington Heights High School in Fort Worth, Texas in 1964 and received a B.A. in International Studies, with honors, from the University of Texas at Austin in 1968. Jim then served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam and was honorably discharged in April, 1970. Jim then went on to receive his Masters in Government from the University of Texas at Austin. As a precursor to his subsequent success, Jim won the Chastain Award for the best paper presented by a graduate student at the 1974 Southern Political Science Association and received his Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Austin in 1975. Jim's office still holds the IBM punch cards with his dissertation data on them.

Luckily, Jim had worked as a mover before entering academia because he ended up on quite a junior faculty circuit as a Visiting Professor at University of Texas, West Virginia University, Iowa State University, University of Kentucky, and the University of Missouri-Columbia before being hired as an Assistant Professor of Political Science at Indiana University – Purdue University Fort Wayne. His early academic travels left Jim with interesting tales about many towns and eccentric academics in middle America. At IPFW, Lutz quickly became an Associate Professor in 1984 and a Full Professor in 1990. Jim's expertise and dedication meant he amazingly taught thirty distinct courses over the years.

Jim bridged the department's founding members to its current members. After the untimely death of Mike Downs in January 2001 and the retirement of Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences Van Coufoudakis in 2002, Lutz and his colleagues, Georgia Wralstad Ulmschneider and Elliot Bartky, hired three new department members, Andrew Downs, James Toole, and Michael Wolf, who began on the same day in August 2002, which meant Jim, as a new chair, had to get three probationary candidates to tenure nearly simultaneously. Craig Ortsey joined the department in 2002 as well as a Future Faculty Teaching Fellow, a program Jim coordinated for our campus for decades.

Jim was a prolific and respected scholar. He authored or co-authored nine books with first-rate publishers, including his Global Terrorism textbook, which is in its fourth edition and widely adopted in the United States and abroad. Five of these books were done with his favorite co-author, his wife, Brenda Lutz, Ph.D. Jim and Brenda presented their research in China, South Africa, Costa Rica, Israel, France, Portugal, and Italy. Jim also authored or co-authored 66 peer-reviewed articles and 37 edited book chapters. Dozens of his publications were on political economy and he served on the editorial advisory board of *Global Economy Quarterly* since 2004. It is rare for someone to be such a renowned scholar with a sterling international reputation in two different literatures and the it's the reason why he was a go-to reviewer for dozens of journals and for dozens of books.

Jim educated two generations of students in all fields of political science, with many going on to elite doctoral, law, or professional programs. As Jim would quip, it was a problem having students win five Fulbrights and a Carnegie Fellowship, or go to graduate or law school at Georgetown, Penn, London School of Economics, George Washington, Michigan, Notre Dame, Virginia, William and Mary and other top programs because that meant that we were missing the university's mark on creating jobs in northeast Indiana. His jokes aside, the cutting-edge content of his classes and his high standards prepared students for elite postgraduate work, but also for demonstrated success in the business, not-for-profit, education, political, and legal sectors, as well as in community leadership in northeast Indiana and beyond.

Jim also created a departmental culture born out of his good nature and his experience in Vietnam. His leadership model for students and younger faculty was that institutions that compel people to do things based on authority will be disfavored. Institutions and departments that persuade students and faculty based on logic will succeed. That is why Jim was a tremendous champion for fellow faculty and for students. His passion was quiet but genuine. He did not speak often in meetings, but his quick wit and reason meant that he often ended debates with a sentence or two when colleagues or administrators had mis- or over-stepped. His critiques were sharp but well-intended, and never gratuitous. For four decades he did the heavy lifting and consensus-building that made student and faculty life great at this university.

As we face many challenges as an institution, let's hope that Jim's example can help us. Dedicating oneself to teaching and researching at the vanguard are expected parts of our job. Caring for your fellow faculty and students and being able to give clear voice but also listen in meaningful faculty service make the university better.

Jim was a fan of the treats in Barb Blauvelt's and Teri Luce's office, where he would laugh between cookies and make others laugh with his dry, well-timed humor. He was a solid family man and he and Brenda have two daughters, Carol (Cara) and Tessa, who followed their parents' commitment to internationalism and public service. Tessa graduated from Indiana University with a BA in International Studies, Human Rights and International Law with minors in Italian and Anthropology. She works as a case specialist at Community Service for the International Institute of New England, which helps resettle refugees and immigrants in Boston. Cara, an attorney, graduated with a BA in Political Science from Indiana University, a J.D. from Syracuse University, and a Masters of Legal Letters from the University of Miami (Florida) in Estate Planning. In the last couple of years, Cara has taken up the family business by co-authoring with her parents. She and Brenda plan on finishing the book Jim was working on during this sabbatical.