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Subject: Passing of Michael Clarke

Dear Colleagues,

It is with a heavy heart I share the recent passing of CSUSB Professor Emeritus Kevin Michael Clarke. Please see the below message from Jonathan Anderson, chair, Department of Public Administration.

Regards,

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I am saddened to report the passing of CSUSB Professor Emeritus Kevin Michael Clarke, who left this world July 8 after a sustained battle with cancer.

Michael was born in Sligo County, Ireland on May 5, 1946. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Dublin and his Ph.D. in political science from the University of Georgia. He came to the Department of Public Administration at CSUSB in 1976 where he remained for 41 years until his retirement, and taught for the department until 2017. At CSUSB he served in a variety of capacities, rising to full professor, department chair and chair of Faculty Senate. He was very active in the faculty union and held various positions in the CFA. In his final years he served as Labor Relations Director for Academic Affairs.

Michael was loved for his ethics and integrity, his iconoclastic personality, his outspoken drive to speak truth to power and his wonderful sense of humor, often supported by photographs of signs and bumper stickers.

He is survived by his wife, Karen, and children and grandchildren. Karen shared that Michael's son's wife is currently pregnant and he had commented "one out and one in."

He will be especially missed by those of us who met with him weekly the past couple of years in Zoom lunches.

The below photo was taken by Michael's son several weeks before his death. It captures well the fortitude and equanimity with which he faced his situation, as well as the sense of humor that graced his every interaction with others, until the very end.



June 4, 2021 – “Waiting for Death with Dignity.” Michael Clarke

Dr. Jonathan F. Anderson
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