

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION OF THE FACULTY
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON**

ON THE DEATH OF PROFESSOR EMERITUS DAVID WOODWARD

David Woodward, age 61, died quietly at home on Wednesday, August 25, 2004. David earned his Ph.D. in geography here in 1970, returned in 1980 as an associate professor, and then was promoted in 1981 to full professor, a rank he held until his retirement in 2002. David was a world renowned historian of cartography, and his honors included election as a fellow of the British Academy, a Guggenheim, a WARF Professorship, a Hilldale Award in the Arts and Humanities, and a senior membership in the Institute for Research in the Humanities. David was a dedicated teacher and supervised nearly three dozen master's and Ph.D. students.

Born in England in 1942, David obtained his B.A. at the University of Wales, Swansea, and moved to the U.S. in 1964 with his wife, Rosalind, to study cartography under his mentor, Dr. Arthur Robinson, at UW-Madison. After completing his Ph.D. in 1970, David directed the study of cartography at the Newberry Library in Chicago. In 1977, on an afternoon walk with his friend Brian Harley in Exeter, U.K., they conceived what was to become David's life mission: a comprehensive reference work in the history of cartography. Their vision differed from previous efforts in that it focused on how maps were used as cultural tools and how and why they were produced. The project grew beyond their expectations and continued under David's capable guidance after Harley died in 1991. Although originally planned as a single volume, the History of Cartography Project, based here at UW-Madison, is now projected at six volumes that will have 9,000 pages. The second volume (actually three books, printed from 1992 to 1998) covered Islamic, African, Asian and American maps while the third will examine the European Renaissance. This work has transformed the history of cartography from primarily a Eurocentric field into a subject now global in scope. The History of Cartography Project will live on to its completion thanks to the dedicated team of scholars that he cultivated and guided, and who became like a family to him. As Robert Karrow, curator of maps at the Newberry Library, told the New York Times: "This history is going to be the standard reference work in cartography for a very long time."

David was a quiet, unassuming man. He was remarkably generous, patient, and non-judgmental with every student, friend, or colleague who approached him for help or support. He was a gifted artist and, when not working in Science Hall, could often be found flying a Cessna over the Wisconsin countryside.

David is the father of three children, Jenny (age 35) who lives in New York, Justin (age 25) who lives in Madison, and Rachel who died in 1976, at age seven. David and his wife Rosalind celebrated their 38th wedding anniversary on Tuesday, July 27, 2004. He will be greatly missed.

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