

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

ON THE DEATH OF PROFESSOR EMERITUS IAN CRAIG LORAM

Ian Craig Loram, professor emeritus of the Department of German, died in Los Angeles on November 17, 2008. He was born in Durban, South Africa, on February 26, 1917, and emigrated to the United States in 1931. After taking an AB degree at Yale University in 1939 and an MA at Columbia University in 1941, he served in the United States armed forces in Europe from 1942 to 1945. Following the completion of his PhD at Yale in 1949, he held positions at Northwestern University (1949-1954), Cornell University (1954-1958), and the University of Kansas (1958-1964), before joining the faculty in Madison. From 1966 to 1975 he served as chair of the Department of German, and from 1968 until his retirement in 1979, he was associate dean of the Graduate School. He spent the last decades of his life in Southern California.

Over the course of fifteen years, Professor Loram left a significant mark on the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the Department of German. His teaching and research interests embraced the eighteenth through twentieth centuries. His publications concerned Goethe, as well as twentieth-century writers such as Carl Zuckmayer, Georg Kaiser, Friedrich Dürrenmatt, Franz Werfel, Alfred Kerr, Ödon von Horváth, and others. He was a conscientious teacher who insisted that his students should read texts closely and carefully and pay attention to detail. He devoted time and energy to issues of undergraduate education and was widely known for two successful textbooks that he produced together with Leland Phelps: *Aus unserer Zeit*, which went through four editions from 1956 to 1988, and *Querschnitt*, which appeared in 1962. These texts, familiar to many students of German, included stories of contemporary writers and illustrated recent literary trends, a refreshing change from the outdated materials that had been the standard fare.

Professor Loram gave generously of his time and talents as an administrator. Among other assignments, he served as chair of the Committee on Honorary Degrees and the Carl Schurz Memorial Fellowship Committee. He was a member of the University of Wisconsin Press Committee, the Graduate School Research Committee, the Humanities Divisional Executive Committee, and the Graduate School Academic Planning Council. Nationally known, he was appointed to the Title VI Committee of the National Defense Education Act, which supported international education activities. He was a concerned member of the MLA Advisory Committee on the Job Market at the time when positions in humanities disciplines were becoming scarce. Under his leadership and undoubtedly because of his stature, the Department of German flourished and became one of the foremost American institutions for German studies. Beginning in 1968, he served for fully seven years as both chair of his home department and also associate dean of the Graduate School. These were challenging years at the UW, marked by unrest on the Wisconsin campus, including the Teaching Assistants Association's 1970 strike and the bombing of the Army Math Research Center in August of that year; but through all the difficulties he remained a steadfast and effective voice in support of what he judged to be correct.

Professor Loram is remembered as an upright, conscientious, hard-working, and loyal colleague, a source of strength for all who knew him. His first wife, Margaret H. Loram, died in 1991. He is survived by his second wife, Carolyn Loram (Pasadena, California), a son, a daughter, and a foster daughter, Pamela Sievertsen (Walla Walla, Washington), Craig Loram (Oregon, Wisconsin), and Pat Jiwani (Denver, Colorado), and their families.

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