

IN MEMORIAM

Bruce Borthwick (1938-2002), longtime Albion College Political Science professor and specialist in the politics of the Middle East, died November 16, 2002, at his home in Albion, Michigan, following a battle with pancreatic cancer. He was 64.

Borthwick's *Comparative Politics of the Middle East* (Prentice-Hall, 1980) was a highly regarded text in the field. At Albion, he taught a seminar on Islam, Judaism and Politics, as well as other courses on the Middle East. At the time of his death, he was working on the politics of water policy in the region, building on the work that he had done during earlier visits to Amman, work that was supported by the award of a CAORC fellowship. He chaired a panel on "Water Issues" at the 2002 MESA meeting. His article "Jordan Confronts Its Water Crisis" appeared in the German journal *Orient*. He also studied the history of the Ismailis, including the Ismaili community of greater Detroit.

Borthwick's interests were not confined to the Middle East. He also taught comparative politics, Chinese Politics, and the Politics of Europe. A past president of the Michigan Conference of Political Scientists, Borthwick studied in China in 1984. He taught English in China and one summer even attended a culinary school in Taipei, Taiwan, where he developed a passion for Chinese cooking.

Borthwick studied extensively in Europe and across the Middle East. He was a frequent visitor to Germany, especially to his beloved Dresden. In 1998, he returned to Amman, Jordan. In 1987, he participated in a Fulbright Seminar in Pakistan. He spoke Arabic, German and French as well as English.

Borthwick was also actively involved in a variety of community organizations, including the Albion Community Non-Profit Housing Corporation, First Presbyterian Church, and the City of Albion's Zoning Board of Appeals. In 1999, he was elected president of the Albion chapter of NAACP, and this year received the NAACP Outstanding Service Award. He was an active member of the Albion Sister City Committee, representing the city in the first delegation that was sent to Noisy-le-Roi, France, in 1997.

Bruce Maynard Borthwick was born May 2, 1938 in Port Jefferson, Long Island, N.Y., and was raised in Brooklyn, N.Y., and Troy, N.Y. Borthwick earned a Bachelor's degree in Political Science in 1959 from Syracuse University. Moving to Michigan, Borthwick earned a Master's

degree in Near Eastern Studies in 1960 and Ph.D. in Political Science in 1965, both from the University of Michigan. Borthwick was a lecturer in government at Georgetown University in 1964-65 before being hired by Albion College. He also was a visiting lecturer at the University of Michigan.

His wife, Doris, and their children Andrew, age 36, Philip, 33, and Hannah, 27, as well as two grandchildren survive Borthwick.

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