

Howard Handelman, Professor Emeritus of Political Science, passed away on September 8 at the age of 75.

Howard was a member of the Political Science Department from 1970 to 2006, serving as Chair from 1986-89 and from 2003-05. He served as acting Chair of the Department of Spanish and Portuguese from 1992-93 and in 2000. He was the Director of the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies from 1994 to 1999.

Howard received his Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Wisconsin, Madison and did his dissertation on peasant political mobilization in Peru. His research focus was Latin America throughout his career, and he published work on Cuba, Ecuador, Mexico, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela, exploring topics including peasant mobilization and agrarian reform, labor union politics, the military, and national elections. His work was driven by an enduring interest in Latin America as well as a commitment to social justice.

At UWM, Howard taught a variety of courses in comparative politics. He was a dedicated teacher who inspired countless students to become interested in politics and the world. He led study abroad programs and student tours in London, Chile, Mexico and Cuba. His textbooks *The Challenge of Third World Development*, as well as *Politics in a Changing World*, which he co-authored with UWM Professor Emeritus Marcus Ethridge, were both reissued multiple times and were used in colleges and universities around the country.

Howard and his wife, Kristin Ruggiero, UWM Professor Emerita in History, endowed the Ruggiero-Handelman Field Research Award. The award is given to worthy UWM graduate and undergraduates to support field research in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Howard leaves behind his wife, Kris, his son, Michael, two granddaughters, and many friends and colleagues who will remember him for his sense of humor, commitment to truth-telling, and enormous decency.

In keeping with his lifetime dedication to education, Howard donated his body to the Medical College of Wisconsin. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, October 6, at noon at the Hefter Conference Center, 3271 N. Lake Drive. His son, Michael, can be reached at michaelhandelman@me.com with any questions.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be given to Doctors Without Borders, of which he was a lifetime supporter.