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# MEMORIAL MINUTES

## VICTOR H. BALOWITZ 1931–1996

Victor Balowitz, Professor of Philosophy at Buffalo State College and recipient of a prestigious excellence in teaching award, died June 8, following complications from surgery. He received his Ph.D. from Columbia University in 1969, after serving three years in the Army stationed in Germany.

Victor began his teaching career in 1964 at Buffalo State College. He was widely known and well-regarded as a passionate philosopher, teacher, colleague, and friend who gave to many a rich understanding of philosophy and, in many instances, profoundly influenced their lives. His teaching was distinguished by a wonderful enthusiasm for philosophy, especially logic. In the classroom and outside it he was always ready to help and encourage students. Even in the face of seemingly insurmountable obstacles, Victor acted on a deep responsibility to provide the support and nurturing so essential to student development. With great success, for example, he taught logic to a brain injured student. Victor was equally generous in assisting students who had difficulties in logic and other philosophy courses and mentoring those who could benefit from advanced work. He instilled a confidence in students, enabling them to aspire to goals they did not think possible for themselves. After graduation, many of his students returned to express their gratitude, and found him open to continued discussion of ideas and lasting friendship. The capstone of his teaching career was reached in 1994, when he received the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.

In the same generous vein in which he served his students, so too Victor served the campus and his colleagues. A member of many departmental committees, Victor served a term as department chair. He was an elected member of the College Senate.

Nearly all faculty and staff on campus were acquainted with Descartes and Frege because everyone, he assumed, had philosophical interests, so he engaged them in discussions. Out of his deep affection for great books, Victor founded and moderated for ten years the Greats Lecture Series, which enriched the intellectual climate of the college. He easily moved beyond the specialty of his field to relish the best of our intellectual and literary traditions; he loved the opera and would occasionally give an impromptu serenade. He published reviews on a number of books in the *International Journal of Philosophy*, and published several articles including one in the *APA Newsletter* on teaching logic. Victor cherished his sabbatical year at Oxford as a Supernumerary Fellow of St. Peter's College, during which time he worked with Michael Lockwood.

Victor is survived by his wife Carolyn and three daughters, Rachel, Leah, and Anna, and one granddaughter—in each of whom he took great delight and pride.

## \_\_\_\_\_ Memorial Minutes \_\_\_\_\_

One of his daughters is currently in graduate school in philosophy. In his passion for philosophy he created a memorable legacy.

George T. Hole  
Buffalo State College

### STANLEY GREAN 1920–1996

Stanley Grean, Emeritus Professor of Philosophy at Ohio University, died June 7, 1996, following a brief illness. Born in New York City, he received his early education in the Public Schools of Mount Vernon, New York. He received his B.A. from Columbia University in 1941, his B.D. from Union Theological Seminary (New York) in 1944, and his Ph.D. in Philosophy of Religion and Ethics from Columbia University in 1961.

Following brief appointments at the University of Connecticut and Howard University, Professor Grean joined the philosophy faculty at Ohio University in 1955 where he served with distinction for almost four decades prior to retirement. During his retirement years he continued to be actively engaged in the department and the profession. He is survived by Patricia Anthony Grean, his wife of 52 years.

His scholarly work focused primarily on the thought of Anthony Ashley Cooper, the Third Earl of Shaftesbury, and reached fruition with the publication of *Shaftesbury's Philosophy of Religion and Ethics: A Study in Enthusiasm* (1967). Yet his philosophical interests ranged widely, with articles and reviews dealing with twentieth century theological thought, ethics, value theory, the philosophy of culture and the philosophy of art.

Of the many ways in which Professor Grean served the profession, two aspects are particularly noteworthy. First, he placed his careful and precise analytical skills at the disposal of the profession in multifaceted editorial work. For many years he served on the editorial board of the Ohio University Press as well as on the boards of two journals, *The Ohio Review* and *Philosophical Studies: Ultimate Reality and Meaning*. Second, he brought to elected offices in the academy and profession an organizational talent that attended to details with exactness without sacrificing large-heartedness for persons. At Ohio University, he served for several years as Chair of the Faculty Senate and for five years as Chair of the Philosophy Department. In addition, he held elected offices in the Ohio Philosophical Association (Secretary-Treasurer from 1965 to 1969) and in the International Society for the Study of Ideas of Ultimate Reality and Meaning (Vice-President from 1985 to 1987 and President from 1987 to 1989).

In 1989 Professor Grean received the Ohio Philosophical Association's Award for Distinguished Service to the Profession. The citation presented to Professor Grean reads in part as follows:

Neither the academy nor the profession can survive and flourish without faculty who devote hours of precious time to the organizational tasks which are so important but