

## Mike W. Martin (1946-2024)



Good Afternoon,

I am writing to notify you of the sad news of the passing of Professor Mike W. Martin, Professor Emeritus of Philosophy, who died on April 22, 2024. I remember Mike W. Martin as a kind and principled faculty member who was passionate in his beliefs during the monthly Faculty meetings. He was also a thoughtful colleague who once recommended to me the classic book, *Bird by Bird: Some Instructions on Writing and Life* by Anne Lamott. Mike knew I was pursuing an MFA in Creative Writing at Chapman and I have never forgotten how helpful this book was to a writing major and that it came from this soft spoken and respected gentle man.

A memorial service is not mentioned but the Provost does say that donations in Mike's memory may be made to either OXFAM or the American Red Cross.

Claudia Horn  
Communications Chair  
Retired and Emeritus Faculty Association



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**From the Office of the Provost**  
Norma Bouchard, Ph.D.

With great sadness, I write to share the news that Professor Mike W. Martin, Professor Emeritus of Philosophy, passed away on April 22, 2024. Professor Martin retired in 2015 after a career at Chapman spanning over 40 years.

A prolific and highly successful writer, Professor Martin published over seventy articles and ten books on a wide range of philosophical issues, including topics in virtue ethics, medical and professional ethics, philosophy of psychology, and the meaning of life. His books include *Of Mottos and Morals* (Rowman & Littlefield Press, 2013); *Happiness and the Good Life* (Oxford University Press, 2011); *Creativity: Ethics and Excellence in Science* (Lexington Books, 2007); *Albert Schweitzer's Reverence for Life* (Ashgate, 2007); *From Morality to Mental Health: Virtue and Vice in a Therapeutic Culture* (Oxford University Press, 2006); *Virtuous Giving: Philanthropy, Voluntary Service, and Caring* (Indiana University Press, 1994); and *Self-Deception and Morality* (University Press of Kansas, 1986).

Professor Martin was an excellent teacher, well-beloved by students. His teaching accolades include two Valerie Scudder Awards for Excellent Teaching, Research, and Service (in 2001 and 2009). He also contributed to ethics education beyond Chapman by authoring several popular textbooks, including four editions of *Everyday Morality: An Introduction to Applied Ethics*; *Physical Therapy Ethics* (with Professor Don Gabard); and *Engineering Ethics*, which is currently in its fifth edition. Professor Martin served faculty and students in various roles at Chapman, including three terms on the Faculty Senate and over ten cumulative years as Chair of the Philosophy Department.

Professor Martin is survived by his wife Shannon, daughters Sonia and Nicole, and grandsons Dylan and Jesse. Donations are welcome in Professor Martin's memory at either Oxfam or the American Red Cross.