

Letter to the Editor

Mary Lepper Memorial Fund

We are organizing a Memorial Fund for Mary Lepper to provide awards or scholarships for women graduate students in political science.

Mary Lepper, whose service to women in higher education and particularly in political science, spanned more than a decade, died in June 1984 at the age of 54. She had been on the faculty of Syracuse, San Jose State, George Mason, North Carolina, California State Fullerton, and Southern Colorado University. She served as associate director of the U.S. Civil Service Commission's Executive Seminar Center and taught at the Federal Executive Institute in Virginia. Between 1973 and 1978 she was director of the Higher Education Division and special assistant to the director, Office of Civil Rights, HEW. She was active in many professional organizations, was elected president of ISA, West, and authored *Foreign Policy Formulation* and articles on affirmative action.

Mary's professional career is especially notable for bridging the academic and policy-making realms with distinction,

and for an intense commitment to civil rights and women's issues. She played an instrumental role in founding and supporting several associations of women political scientists including the national Women's Caucus for Political Science, WPSA's Committee on the Status of Women, the Women's Committee of ASPA, and the Bay Area Women in Political Science. Many students and colleagues owe their careers and involvement in professional organizations to her unstinting personal attention, encouragement, and generosity. Mary's courageous, thoughtful, supportive role in the development of many political scientists and public administrators has made a lasting contribution.

Those wishing to make contributions or pledges to the fund should make checks payable to the Women's Caucus for Political Science, Mary Lepper Fund. Receipts will be sent after WCPS has obtained tax-exempt status.

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