

Asian American and Asian Resource and Cultural Center
Newsletter
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Remembering Dr. Patsy Schweickart



It is with great sadness that the AAARCC at Purdue University announces the passing of Dr. Patsy Schweickart, Professor Emerita in English and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. She was a strong advocate for Purdue to have an Asian American Studies program, where students would learn about the diverse histories and experiences of Asian American communities. Dr. Schweickart was the Chair of the Council on Asian American Studies and the Interim Director of the Asian American Studies Program at Purdue University from 2008-2010. Even with her full career and responsibilities, Dr. Schweickart was a such a present figure in the founding of the Asian American and Asian Resource and Cultural Center through her mentorship of then the Asian Pacific American Caucus (APAC) and the AAARCC Steering Committee.

After retirement, Dr. Schweickart continued her presence and support for the AAARCC, generously sharing her time to speak with campus communities. She spoke at the weekly Lunch and Learn series from her home in Minnesota and participated in the current book project *The Founding and Early History of Purdue University's Asian American and Asian Resource and*

Cultural Center. She was truly an inspiration on what it meant to make this campus a community of belonging. Her presence, and all her wise, encouraging words will be deeply missed.

Condolences for the family can be sent to:
David Schweickart/Anita MacDonald
5268 Nolan Parkway North, Oak Park Heights, MN 55082

The AAARCC would like to thank Dr. Schweickart's daughter, Anita MacDonald, for sharing the following loving memories and obituary with us:

Patrocinio “Patsy” (Pagaduan) Schweickart passed away peacefully in her Oak Park Heights home on Saturday, October 28, 2023. She is survived by her husband, David Schweickart; children, Anita MacDonald, Karen Schweickart; grandchildren, Carrie, Liam, Grace, Lauryn; siblings, Jiji Nawalinski, Sunny Pagaduan, Carol Araullo; brother-in-law, Jun Bandayrel; many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Tomas and Caridad and her sisters, Maureen Pagaduan and June Lopez.

Patsy was born and raised in the Philippines. She first came to the United States at the age of fifteen as the Philippine delegate to the New York Herald Tribune World Youth Forum, where she stayed for three months, appearing several times on WYF television broadcasts. After graduating from the University of the Philippines, she returned to the United States, earning Masters degrees at the University of Virginia (chemical engineering) —where she met and married David Schweickart—and at Ohio State University (mathematics), before switching gears and obtaining a PhD in English at Ohio State University.

She created a career for herself teaching English and Women’s Studies at the University of New Hampshire and Purdue University. She balanced a fulfilling career, a long-distance marriage and raising children. She enjoyed bowling, racquetball, ping pong and dancing, and played the piano as well. Patsy edited several books and published many academic articles. One of her great joys was in spending time with her children and grandchildren, taking them on adventures to the Grand Canyon, to Scotland, walking the Camino de Santiago in Spain, among others.

In recent years, she and David settled in Oak Park Heights, Minnesota to be nearer to their daughters. Patsy wasted no time in investing in her new community at Boutwells Landing, playing mahjong twice a week, ping pong three times a week (until she couldn’t), attending most of the concerts and other events held there. Her energy, intellect, courage and love of life were an inspiration to all.

Review of the Week



Congratulations, Kawika David, Margaret Palanca, and James Zhou, for the article publication in the Purdue Journal of Service-Learning and International Engagement. This publication is mentored by Dr. Pamela K. Sari and Manabu Taketani as part of the Purdue AAARCC's ASAM 490: Internship in Asian American Studies class, Spring 2023.

To access the article, please go to: <https://docs.lib.purdue.edu/pjsl/>

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