

also worked with Troy's Department of City Planning to reinvigorate city neighborhoods and train new neighborhood leaders and, in 2000-2003, directed "Own a Home," a Sage-Troy homeownership program for downtown Troy. Until his death, he chaired the Social Justice/Tikkun Olam committee at Congregation Agudat Achim in Schenectady, New York.

His greatest passion was for civic education and democratic practices at home and abroad. He founded the Council for Citizenship Education at Russell Sage College in 1990 and directed it until 2022. Over the years, his council produced materials and conducted workshops and training for thousands of teachers in the United States and many other countries such as Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Georgia, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, Russia, and South Africa. Stephen enjoyed the challenge of making complex political ideas accessible to students, teachers, and other citizens worldwide. He was the second American to be awarded the "Friendship Medal of Mongolia" by the president of Mongolia. He received a Distinguished Service Award (2004-2005) and Special Service Award (1996) from the New York State Council for the Social Studies; a Distinguished Service Award (1998) from the Capital District Council for the Social Studies; and an Outstanding Leadership Award (1991) from the Law, Youth and Citizenship Program of the New York State Bar Association and Department of Education. He also worked closely with the Center for Civic Education (CCE) from 1988 until his death, serving as a scholar at teacher workshops, grant writer, conference administrator, consultant, and state coordinator for

various CCE projects.

Stephen was a wonderful colleague in many summer institutes for United States K-12 teachers hosted by the Center for the Study of Federalism and funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities as well as the Center's summer institutes for young international scholars funded by the United States Department of State. Most of the institutes were held at resorts in the Rocky Mountains, Stephen's second beloved mountains after the Adirondacks. He also enjoyed reading insightful novels about the American West.

His last major book publications were as coeditor of *Exploring Political Ideas: Concepts That Shape our World* (CQ Press, 2010) and editor-in-chief of *American Governance* (Macmillan Reference 2016) a five-volume encyclopedia that won an American Library Association Award as one of the best reference works of 2017.

Stephen is survived by his wife Stephanie, who was a vital partner in his global civic education work, his daughter Sarah Davis, granddaughter Juliana, and step-daughter Kelly Sommerman and her family. Everyone who knew Stephen benefitted from his life and admired his fervent commitments in and out of the classroom to educate people—young and old—to be good citizens and supporters of democratic governance. In federalism, he saw pathways to foster liberty, enhance self-government, protect diversity, and cultivate peace.

—John Kincaid, Center for the Study of Federalism & Lafayette College

John F. Stack, Jr.

John F. Stack, Jr., professor and founding dean of the Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA), passed away in Miami, Florida on June 23, 2022, after a long illness.

Born in Brockton, Massachusetts on July 8, 1950, Stack received an AB summa cum laude from Stonehill College in Easton, Massachusetts in 1972. He went on to pursue his graduate studies at the University of Denver's School of International Studies, then under the leadership of the legendary Dr. Joseph Korbel. At the University of Denver, he received an MA in International Studies in 1974 and a PhD in the same field in 1977.

From the snow-capped mountains of Colorado, Stack moved to sunny South Florida, joining the faculty of Florida International University in 1976. Then a relatively new university (founded in 1965), FIU's location in Miami, known as "the Gateway of the Americas," provided both opportunities and challenges for the new professor. Stack tackled both with his Irish charm and sharp wit, demonstrating his dedication to his students along the way.

As the world changed with the collapse of the Soviet Union, the end of the Cold War, and the rise of international terrorism, the task fell on international relations and political relations scholars to rapidly adjust to a changing world. Stack met that challenge with intelligence and drive. Throughout his career, he balanced the scholastic imperative of educating students with a university's role in fostering research and policy work.

Stack's rapid rise through the ranks reflected his value as an educator and his ability as an administrator. Having served as Instructor at FIU's Department of Political Science from 1976 to 1977, he was quickly promoted to Assistant Professor (1978-1981), Associate Professor (1981-1986), and Professor (1987-2009). From 1981 until 1987, Stack served as Chair of FIU's Department of Political Science, returning to that role from 1996 until 1999. In 1990, Stack was

tapped to serve as Interim Director, and later Director, of the Jack D. Gordon Institute for Public Policy and Citizenship Studies, serving in that capacity until 2008.

Ever the inquisitive mind, Stack went on to law school, earning a JD from the University of Miami in 1989. His legal studies served him well in becoming an instrumental figure in the creation of FIU's College of Law. Stack served as Executive Director of the College of Law Initiative (2000-2001) and as one of the College of Law's founding faculty members (2009-2022).

Throughout his career, Stack wrote and co-wrote numerous books and articles. Among these are *Conflict in an American City: Boston's Irish, Italians, and Jews 1935-1944* (1979) and *Globalization: Debunking the Myths* (3 editions, 2009, 2011, and 2017). He edited the books *The Primordial Challenge: Ethnicity in the Modern World* (1986), *Policy Choices, Critical Issues in American Foreign Policy* (1983), and *Ethnic Identities in a Transnational World* (1981). The 2008 book *The New Deal in South Florida: Design, Policy, and Community Building*, which he co-edited with John A. Stuart, received the 2009 Silver Medallion (Second Place) Florida Book Award.

Stack was, first and foremost, an educator. His courses in Politics and International relations were varied: American Ethnic Politics, American Foreign Policy, World Issues and Prospects, World Politics, a Senior Seminar in Transnational Relations and Comparative Politics, Graduate Seminars in International Politics and Ethnicity and the Politics of Development, Model United Nations, Constitutional Law: Powers, and Constitutional Law: Limitations. The diversity in his courses extended to the College of Law, where he taught Administrative Law, Conflicts of Law, the First Amendment, National Security Law, a Seminar in National Security, and Florida Constitutional Law.

Stack's distinguished academic career earned him numerous accolades. He earned FIU's Alumni Association's Torch Award (2002) and Top Scholar Award (2009) and was Honorary Member of Phi Beta Kappa, Epsilon of Florida. In 2010, Stack delivered

the Keynote Convocation Address, titled “Miami: From the Local to the Global and Back Again.”

Over the years, Stack balanced his responsibilities in political science and law, always leading into new horizons. During a landmark period in FIU’s history, Stack spearheaded the creation of the Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs, serving as its Interim Director (2008-2011), Executive Director (2011-2015) and Inaugural Dean from its foundation in 2016 until his passing.

Yet most of his students remember Stack as Professor of Politics & International Relations. Over the course of his long and distinguished teaching career, Stack’s students went on to serve as Under Secretaries of State, members of Congress, federal judges, state Supreme Court Justices, lieutenant governors, state legislators, Congressional staffers, and many other pillars of society.

Anyone who knew Stack recognized that he was also a diplomat at heart. One of Stack’s prides and joys was his mentorship of FIU’s Model United Nations Program (2008-2022). Under his

watch, this highly-ranked team kept alive the values of cooperation, tolerance, and understanding that Stack upheld throughout his life. Over the years at the helm of SIPA, he welcomed heads of state, legislators, ambassadors, judges, and administrators. Stack walked the halls of FIU alongside statesmen and women of our age like Lech Wałęsa, Václav Havel, Luis Guillermo Solís, and Madeleine Albright, further contributing to the university’s growing prestige.

Stack is survived by his beloved sisters, Pamela Stack and Nancy Stack Savoie. To ensure that his legacy continues to help students excel in their quest for academic excellence, the John F. Stack, Jr. First Generation Scholarship was established to support first generation students enrolled in FIU’s Steven J. Green School. Stack leaves behind generations of colleagues and students who thrived under his guidance and will continue his work in political science and international relations.

—Daniel I. Pedreira, Florida International University

Jonathan Page West

Jonathan Page West, professor of political science at the University of Miami and a leading public administration and policy scholar and practitioner, passed away in Coral Gables, Florida on January 2, 2022. A native of Salt Lake City, Utah, West was born on March 9, 1941, and his passion for public policy and public administration began at an early age. He was part of a young and idealistic generation of Americans inspired by President John F. Kennedy’s inaugural call to “ask not what your country can do for you—ask what you can do for your country.” He answered that call in 1962 when he served as a Summer Staff Associate for Senator Frank E. Moss in Washington, D.C. West was an active student leader, serving as Student Body President at the University of Utah, where he graduated in 1965 with a B.S. in Political Science. He went on to pursue his graduate studies at Northwestern University, earning an MA (1966) and a PhD (1969) in Political Science.

Continuing to do for his country, West honorably served in the United States Armed Forces, obtaining the rank of Captain in the United States Army and serving as a Management Analyst at the United States Department of the Army’s Office of the Surgeon General (1969-1971).

Yet West’s true call to serve came in the form of his passion for education, a calling that would define the rest of his life. His first academic positions were at the University of Houston, where he served as Assistant Director at the Institute for Urban Studies (1971-1975). Concurrently, West was Assistant to the President for the Southwest Center for Urban Research (1971-1975). From 1974 to 1975, he was Director of the Graduate Urban Studies Program in the College of Social Sciences.

Joining the faculty of the University of Arizona (1975-1980), West served in different capacities at its Public Administration Department, including as a member and chair of several committees. His quality as an educator did not go unnoticed by his students, earning him the University of Arizona’s Outstanding Teacher in Public Administration Award twice (1976-1977 and 1979-1980).

In January 1981, West joined the University of Miami’s faculty. During his 41 years at UM, he served as Political Science professor and Department Chair and was Director of the Master of Public Administration (MPA) and Master of Public Policy (MPP) programs, his pride and joy. Aside from his duties in the Political Science Depart-

ment, West served as professor at the Departments of Management (1981-2021), Health Sector Management and Policy (2015-2021), and International Studies (2010-2015). West was known for his administrative capabilities and was sought-after in times of crisis. From 2005 until 2006, he was selected to serve as Interim Chair of UM’s International Studies Department.

Throughout his long and fruitful academic career, West served on over 30 doctoral and masters committees and numerous masters and PhD examination committees. While serving as Director of the MPA program at UM, West supervised all graduate interns and served on several senior honors thesis committees.

A leader in the academic community, West was an active member of the American Political Science Association (APSA), the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA), the Western Political Science Association (WPSA), the Southern Political Science Association (SPSA), and the Florida Political Science Association (FPSA).

A prolific author, West completed nine books, three research monographs, and scores of journal articles and many other publications. Over the years, West collaborated extensively with his colleagues Evan M. Berman, and James S. Bowman. Together with Berman and Bowman, West co-wrote and co-edited several books and articles, contributing significantly to the study of public administration and public policy.

West also held numerous editorial positions, serving as Managing Editor of *Public Integrity* (1998-2014), Symposium editor of the 30-Year Anniversary of ROPPA (2010) and “Civil Service Reform in the State of Georgia” (2002), and Symposium co-editor of “State Civil Service Reform” (2006 and 2008). In addition, West was a member of the editorial boards of the *Review of Public Personnel Administration*, *Public Personnel Management*, *Global Virtue Ethics Review*, the *Journal of Management*, *Spirituality and Religion*, *Spectrum: The Journal of State Government*, the *Borderlands Review* and *Newsletter*, the *Florida Political Chronicle*, and *Texas Public Policy Notes*.

Over the years, West earned several awards and recognitions, including membership in UM’s Omicron Delta Kappa and Iron Arrow Society and receiving the lifetime achievement award from the American Society for Public Administration’s Section on Ethics, the South Florida Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration’s (ASPA)’s Outstanding Leadership Award (2011 and 2012), ASPA’s Paul Van Riper Award for Excellence and Service (2014), Sage Publications’ Cornerstone Author Award (2015), the Florida Political