







## Maria Neito, Professor Emerita, Biological Sciences

When I reflect on my time at CSUEB I am left with one resounding word, grateful. It was a dream to be hired to join the faculty in the Department of Biological Sciences. Even though there were many challenges along the way, the incredible students I engaged in the classroom and in the research lab over my 34 years of service, kept me anchored and inspired. Teaching and learning from my students brought me an abundance of joy, and this simple truth cannot be overstated. When I retired from CSUEB I wasn't quite ready. I felt as though I could have taught forever; I loved it so







the useful and the problematic.

#### Dr. Paul Bassen

Paul Bassen, Professor Emeritus, Philosophy, passed away in February 2024. He earned his BA in Philosophy from Cornell, and his PhD from UC Berkeley. He started teaching in the CSU Hayward Philosophy Department in 1968. He officially retired and became emeritus in 2003, but continued to teach for years. Paul was highly regarded in the philosophical community. He taught on many subjects, while specializing in the work of Ludwig Wittgenstein. A scholar, he had latterly been working on a book-length commentary on Wittgenstein's Philosophical Investigations. He was a central figure in the Philosophy Department, as well as its longest-serving member. He was most active in pursuing the continuing health of the department, determined to persuade students across the board of the good of studying philosophy.

#### Dr. George Goerl

George Goerl, Professor Emeritus, Public Administration, passed away in February 2024. He received a bachelor's degree from UC Berkeley, and Master's Degrees from UC Berkeley and New York University and a Ph.D. in Political Science from UC Davis. He joined the Department of Public Administration in 1977 and later served a term as Department Chair. He became emeritus in 2010 and then continued teaching as a FERP faculty member. Dr. Goerl was a devoted teacher specializing in public finance and public policy. He enjoyed helping students launch their careers in the public service. George had a strong research interest in volunteerism in the public sector.

#### Dr. Ann McPartland

Ann McPartland, Professor Emerita, Chemistry and Biochemistry, passed away on September 23, 2023. Ann started with the University in Fall 1984 and was teaching and conducting research with students in her laboratory as recently as Spring 2023. Ann was instrumental in the transition of the Department of Chemistry to the Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry, the establishment of the Biotechnology Certificate Program, and the formation of the CSU-wide affinity group, CSUPERB, (CSU Program for Education and Research in Biotechnology). Ann was constantly involved in developing and modernizing the curriculum and gaining resources to appropriately equip the laboratory courses. She was a long-time chair of the department and served on many different committees in the department and the University.

For more information on these and other deceased faculty members see

<https://www.csueastbay.edu/oaa/memorials/index.html>

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#### Softball Photo

Standing left to right:

Betty Meching, Jay Tontz, Doug Orr, Gail Frey-Monson, Steve Shmanski, Don Warrin, Gene Poschman, Lee Bateman, LuAnn Duffus, Terry Jones, Regina Cate, John Hammerback, Alex Cassuto, Dennis Lavery

kneeling left to right:

Eric Soares, Carol Inberg, Arnolfo Cedillo, Micheal Clark, Alan Smith, Carl Bellone, Jack Samosky