

Kenneth D. Goldin
1940-1994
PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS, EMERITUS

A.B., Princeton University; M.A., Ph.D., Economics, Stanford University,
May, 1965
California State University, Fullerton From July 1, 1972 To July 6, 1989
Birth: June 6, 1940; Death: February 19, 1994

Dr. Ken Goldin was a member of the Department of Economics at California State University, Fullerton for seventeen years; he was also during that time the Associate Dean of the School of Business Administration and Economics from 1978 until 1989. Ken was a published scholar, an accomplished administrator, a dedicated teacher, a mentor to students, to new faculty and to new deans. He was a valued colleague and a friend.

Ken was born in New York City where his mother, Augusta Goldin had a long career as the writer of children's books; he had one sister, Valerie Goldin, who became a medical Doctor in Canada. Ken graduated from Curtis High School in Staten Island, New Jersey in June, 1957.

After high school Ken obtained his A.B. degree at Princeton and became a member of the Princeton University Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. From 1961 through 1964 he held National Science Foundation Fellowships while he received his masters degree from Stanford University in 1963 followed by his Ph.D. also from Stanford, in 1965.

Upon completion of graduate school Dr. Goldin taught at the State University of New York at Buffalo from 1964 to 1967 and then at the University of California at Davis from 1967 to 1972. In July 1972 he came to the Department of Economics at California State University, Fullerton.

In the Department he earned a reputation for his scholarly publications in the areas of Public Finance, Land Economics and Public Choice. He was actively involved in Department affairs and as a mentor to new faculty. He was also the Department's Vice-chair.

In July, 1978 Dr. Goldin embarked on a new facet of his career when he became an Associate Dean for the School of Business Administration and Economics where he rapidly earned his reputation as an administrator by taking his many skills as a professional economist and applying them in an analytical way to the myriad problems of the academic bureaucracy. He did this from 1978 to 1989 while the School was going through significant changes and several deans. Ken was our anchor of continuity.

In the School he was in charge of the Business Student Advising Center that is one of the largest in the nation and one of the most efficient; he was a founder and enthusiastic supporter of the CSU London Business Semester Program and as the School's Educational Equity Officer he developed pilot programs for student orientation and educational programs for minority students. He knew and understood California State University,

Fullerton at the Department, the School and the University level. He also made contributions at the national level with his service to the American Assembly of College Schools of Business, the National Research Council and the National Science Foundation. Ken Goldin was astute, personable, courteous, articulate and he *listened* well. Ken was known for organization and efficiency and for being a stickler for detail who always did his homework. He was very good at his job. On the personal side Ken had a lot of friends and colleagues including his students and his neighbors.

When we first met Ken he had a German Shepherd dog Aggie as his constant companion. Aggie was well trained, well disciplined and well loved. I remember Aggie as the dog that defied the authorities and the custodians and waited in Ken's office while he met class one day in 1974. Although evicted from Ken's office, Aggie was by far the best behaved citizen upon this occasion. On other occasions my spouse and I were Aggie's guests in Ken's Laguna Beach surfside apartment while Ken went off to Africa, Asia, and Europe. We became aware, through Aggie, of Ken's gentle loving nature. Ken loved to hike and ski the mountains, to read and write, to travel the world, to prepare and eat good food, and to have new adventures. He did all of these.

In 1988 Ken learned that he had AIDS. AIDS, however, did not stop Ken. He took his vitality, his life force and moved in a new direction. He became an emeritus professor in 1989, a student, a researcher and speaker on the economics of AIDS and a source of help to other AIDS patients.

In the 1980's Ken lived in a rambling beautiful house on the side of a canyon overlooking the San Gabriel Valley in Hacienda Heights. He lived there with Herb Orban his best and closest friend for his last thirteen years and with a new German Shepherd puppy named Argos and a new cat named Cat. Ken Goldin lost his life to the complications of AIDS in Los Angeles on 19 February 1994.

Submitted by
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