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VERN L. BULLOUGH

Renowned scholar, prolific author and educator, Vern Bullough passed away on June 21st after a long illness. Our hearts go out to his wife, Gwen Brewer, his four children, granddaughter and family. Vern was a professor (emeritus) in the history department at California State University, Northridge. He was also the Founding Director of the Center for Sex Research in the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences at CSUN. Vern was also a dean at SUNY Buffalo, an adjunct professor at USC, and a Fulbright scholar.

Bullough was the author, co-author or editor of nearly 50 works on prostitution, transgenderism and other topics dealing with human sexuality. His works included “Sexual Variance in Society and History” and the more recent “Science in the Bedroom,” which discussed early sex researchers as well as sex therapy and the effect of birth control on the sexual mores of the times. At the Center for Sex Research, Bullough was an organizer of international conferences dealing with issues of sexuality such as prostitution and gender. He also established the extensive Vern and Bonnie Bullough Collection on Sex and Gender, located in the Oviatt Library at CSUN. In addition, Vern was a champion of civil rights and he served on the Board of Directors of the American Civil Liberties Union for many years.

Vern was the author and editor of over 50 books and hundreds of articles. He was in demand as a speaker and he travelled the world lecturing. His many interests, his commitment to scholarship, his support of research and his worldview made him an excellent and enjoyable companion to all who knew him. Vern’s own web page may be found at: http://www.vernbullough.com/bullough/index.html.

The Family has asked that contributions in honor of Vern Bullough may be made to the CSUN Oviatt Library, and will be directed to the endowment he established for the Vern and Bonnie Bullough Collection on Sex and Gender (http://library.csun.edu/Collections/SCA/SC/bullough.html). This endowment was dear to Vern’s heart, as he spent much of his life compiling the resources that comprise this extraordinary collection. Please make cheques out to the CSUN Foundation, and mail to: Cindy Ventuleth, Director of Development, CSUN Oviatt Library, 18111 Nordhoff St. Northridge, CA, 91330-8326.

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