Memorial Resolution for Professor Emeritus Victor Barnouw

Our colleague and friend Victor Barnouw died May 8, 1989. Victor taught in the Department of Anthropology from 1957 through retirement in 1982. He chaired the department from 1976 to 1979. Victor had taught earlier at Brooklyn College, University of Buffalo, Verde Valley School, and the University of Illinois. He started his undergraduate training at Princeton but he finished it and his graduate training at Columbia University. He did extensive field work among the Wisconsin Chippewa and in India.

Victor was widely known among anthropologists for his work in the field of culture and personality. He was the first recipient, in 1968, of the American Anthropological Association's annual Stirling Award in culture and personality. Culture and Personality, one of his textbooks, was highly successful and went through three editions. He was also author of a two-volume introductory textbook that was also continued in two later editions. Much of the success of his textbooks was due to his lucid literary style. They remain in wide use, and new editions were in process at the time of his death.

Victor will be remembered by us for his gentle manner and great wit, especially his elegant puns, often with an anthropological twist. He also wrote fiction and was an accomplished painter.

Victor Barnouw is survived by his wife Sachiko, his sister Elsa, and his brother Erik.

Bernard James
James Silverberg
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