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Abstract

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It is with great sadness to report the passing of long-time South Carolina Librarian, David C. McQuillan. David passed peacefully on March 20, 2018 in Columbia. David was a beloved member of the Thomas Cooper Library's faculty, serving as the map cataloger for the majority of his 47 years at the University of South Carolina.

Originally, from Amsterdam, N.Y., David spent much of his formative years in Mississippi, where he graduated from Gulfport High School in 1967. Following a few summer internships with NASA's Mississippi Test Facility, David earned a B.S. in geography from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1971. In 1974, he received a master's in librarianship from USC.

David was a dedicated member of the USC libraries' faculty as well as an outstanding contributor to the greater profession. He chaired the Geography and Map Section of the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA) for seven years. His involvement in IFLA also helped to foster his personal passion for travel, allowing him to attend meetings all over the world, including a trip to Moscow during the 1991 Soviet Coup, (Dowell, 2015). David also served for a year as chair for the Special Libraries Association.

David helped to spread his passion for maps and geography to future generations by volunteering as the SCAS Archivist for the South Carolina Academy of Science (SCAS) for at least the past two decades, according to Dr. Don Jordan, Professor of Mathematics at USC and past president of SCAS. According to Dr. Jordan, David was a valuable member of SCAS, assisting in keeping Bulletins and many other items safe and well organized in storage at



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the library. "He was an expert, and always responded to the needs of SCAS. We will miss him very much," said Dr. Jordan.

It is no surprise that David's love for geography would inspire his passion for travel. He and his late wife Barbara travelled extensively together, including a 37-day cruise to Australia. Having visited every continent, aside from Antarctica, prompted friends to tell him that he missed his calling as a travel agent, (Dowell, 2015). His travel interests paired well with his penchant for photography, having amassed a huge personal archive of photos from his travels, personal celebrations, and even work activities. His colleagues will remember him as a dedicated professional who was often found photo documenting many of the events and celebrations held by University Libraries. His colleagues will miss his personal delivery of photographs he captured of them during library activities.

Beyond his work, David will be remembered as a devoted husband to Barbara and a loving brother to three siblings and uncle to a niece and nephew. He will be missed dearly by those whose lives he touched.

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