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There can be no experience more joyous for a dean than to join together with the faculty, celebrate our collective accomplishments, and welcome our new colleagues. As we continue to move USC Dornsife toward the pinnacle of academic excellence, one of the most critical components to achieving this is the quality of our faculty.

To our new colleagues: Your ambition and creative instincts are invigorating. By educating, enriching and empowering our undergraduates, you will ensure they are prepared not just for a career, but any career. Your championship of our graduate students will attract the world’s most talented young minds so that we train the next generation of scholars and continue to support a research enterprise that drives discovery and innovation. By seeking out the interfaces where new solutions are generated, you will create, transmit and translate knowledge for the good of humankind. Thanks to every member of our faculty, staff and administration who made it possible for us to bring you here.
To our promoted faculty: Your dedication to teaching, research and service is an inspiration to us all. We look forward to witnessing your ongoing achievements.

To our retired colleagues: You have helped establish and nurture the very foundation of our vibrant intellectual community and we are tremendously grateful for all your contributions.

I look forward to the coming year as we continue to partner on building an academic enterprise that will leave its mark on our world.

Steve Kay
Dean, USC Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences
Anna H. Bing Dean’s Chair
Celebration of Faculty Welcoming New Faculty
GIAN MARIA ANNOVI
Assistant Professor of French and Italian
Ph.D., Italian Studies, 2011
Columbia University

Gian Maria Annovi’s main interests include 19th- and 20th-century Italian literature, as well as film and visual arts. He is currently working on a book on the making of Pier Paolo Pasolini’s authorial figure. Annovi is the author of Altri corpi: poesia e corporalità negli anni Sessanta (Gedit, 2008), a study on the relationship between de-centered subjectivity and corporeality in the poetry of prominent Italian authors on the 1960s. He is the editor of Antonio Porta’s selected poems Piercing the Page (Seismicity, 2012), on the poetry of Antonio Porta, and of a collection of essays on Pasolini and youth, Fratello selvaggio: P. P. Pasolini fra gioventù e nuova gioventù (Transeuropa, 2013). He is the recipient of the 2011 Pier Paolo Pasolini Award for the best doctoral dissertation.

Previous Institution:
University of Denver
Carol Atkinson is a retired military officer and 1984 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy (the fifth class that included women). While in the military she served in a wide range of operational assignments in the fields of intelligence, targeting and combat assessment. Her research focuses on the impact of military-to-military exchange programs on international politics. She has taught courses on a wide range of subjects in international relations, national security, military strategy and warfare. A veteran of Operation Desert Storm, Atkinson is currently a Fulbright Fellow at the Rakovski National Defense Academy in Sofia, Bulgaria.

Previous Institutions:
Stanford University
U.S. Air Force Academy
U.S. Air Force Command and Staff College
Vanderbilt University
JAMES BOECKER
Assistant Professor of Physics and Astronomy
Ph.D., Chemistry, 2010
University of Chicago

The goal of James Boedicker’s research is to quantitatively understand how microbial communities work. Using a combination of theoretical biophysics and the experimental tools of synthetic biology and microfabrication, he investigates how diverse sets of microbes make regulatory decisions by gathering information about their local environment and talking to one another using molecular signals. Such a biophysical dissection of how complex systems of microorganisms regulate their activities will enable the predictable control and design of both natural and synthetic microbial ecosystems for applications in health, the environment and biotechnology.
ROSA DI FELICE
Associate Professor (Research) of Physics and Astronomy
Ph.D., Physics, 1996
University of Rome “Tor Vergata” (Italy)

Rosa Di Felice studies the structural, electronic and optical properties of materials by theoretical and computational methods at the atomic level. Her recent research mostly focuses on electronic charge transfer through DNA and on the fate of biological molecules (proteins and DNA) on hard inorganic surfaces, which are nonnatural environments appropriate to nanotechnology applications. She is also interested in applying new computer architectures (D-Wave) to materials optimization and design. Her research results have been published in *Nature Materials* and *Nature Nanotechnology*. She has been awarded fellowships by Italy’s National Research Council for travel to Brazil and the United States.

Previous Institutions:
Xerox Palo Alto Research Center
National Institute for the Physics of Matter (INFM, Italy)
National Research Council (CNR, Italy)
BRIAN KARL FINCH
Professor (Research) of Sociology and Director of the Southern California Population Research Center
Ph.D., Sociology, 2000
University of Texas

Brian Finch’s work crosses the disciplinary boundaries of social demography, social epidemiology and medical sociology to investigate the causes and correlates of population health disparities. Specifically, Finch looks at socioeconomic and race/ethnic disparities in health outcomes and behaviors among adults and biological/social interactions across the early life course.

Previous Institutions:
RAND Graduate School
San Diego State University
The research interests of John Hawthorne include epistemology, metaphysics, the philosophy of language, and the philosophy of mind. At the University of Oxford, he was Waynflete Professor of Metaphysical Philosophy. He has written or co-authored several books published by Oxford University Press, including *The Reference Book* (with David Manley, 2012), *Relativism and Monadic Truth* (with Herman Cappelen, 2009), *Metaphysical Essays* (2006), and *Knowledge and Lotteries* (2004).

*Previous Institutions:*
- Arizona State University
- Australian National University
- Rutgers University
- Syracuse University
- University of New South Wales
- University of Oxford
Andrew Hires leverages innovative neurotechnologies, including optogenetics, silicon probes and genetically encoded activity indicators to determine how cortical microcircuits construct sensory perception. His research focuses on how the sense of touch is represented in cortex and how to synthesize biomimetic tactile perceptions via patterned photostimulation of cortical networks. His recent work has been published in Nature Neuroscience, Nature Methods, The Journal of Neuroscience and Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. His co-authored work on imaging cortical activity with a novel fluorescent neural activity sensor, GCaMP3, has more than 400 citations in fewer than four years.
ARIE KAPTEYN
Professor of Economics
and Executive Director of the Center for Economic and Social Research
Ph.D., Economics, 1977
Leiden University (The Netherlands)

Much of Arie Kapteyn’s recent applied work is in the field of aging and economic decision making, with papers on topics related to retirement, consumption and savings, pensions and Social Security, disability, economic well-being of the elderly, and portfolio choice. He has led several projects, including one that incorporates Internet interviewing into the National Institute on Aging-funded Health and Retirement Study. He is also the director of the American Life Panel, a nationally representative sample of 6,000 households whose members are regularly interviewed over the Internet. He is a Knight in the Order of the Netherlands Lion, a corresponding member of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences, and a Fellow of the Econometric Society. He is also the recipient of the Koopmans Medal.

Previous Institutions:
RAND Corporation
Tilburg University
**RONGDAO LAI**

*Assistant Professor of Religion*

Ph.D., East Asian Religions, 2013
McGill University (Canada)

Rongdao Lai’s current research centers on Buddhism-state relations, with a special focus on Buddhist education in Republican China. Her other research interests include modern Chinese Buddhism, Buddhist activism in contemporary Asian societies, religious practice and identity production in the Chinese diaspora, and the transnational network of modern Buddhist organizations. She held a visiting fellowship at the Center for Chinese Studies in Taiwan and received a research grant from the Sheng Yen Education Foundation. She is the co-editor of a forthcoming special issue on Engaged Buddhism for the *Eastern Buddhist*. 
ELLEN LEGGETT

Professor of the Practice of Psychology  
and Director of the Master of Science in Applied Psychology Program

Ed.D., Human Development, 1986  
Harvard University

Ellen Leggett is an applied psychologist and has been a jury consultant with more than 20 years of experience working with civil trial lawyers, corporate counsel and expert witnesses in high-stakes jury trials nationally. She conducts case-specific empirical research to develop strategic and educationally sound approaches to courtroom presentation for optimal juror comprehension. She has published and spoken widely to the legal community on jury psychology and decision-making. Her academic published works are in the areas of motivation and mindset, social cognition and the differences between lay and expert reasoning.

Previous Institutions:
Cornell University
Scripps College
University of California, Riverside

Celebration of Faculty
NAOMI LEVINE

Gabilan Assistant Professor of Biological Sciences and Earth Sciences
Ph.D., Chemical Oceanography, 2010
Massachusetts Institute of Technology–Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution Joint Program

Naomi Levine’s research focuses on the interactions between climate and ecosystem composition and function. By combining biological, chemical and physical observations with ecosystem models, she aims to elucidate the underlying mechanisms responsible for biogeochemical cycling in microbial ecosystems and to identify climate-ecosystem feedback loops. She is an National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association Climate and Global Change Postdoctoral Fellow. She received a National Science Foundation Ocean Sciences Research Initiation Grant and has been published in Environmental Microbiology, Global Biogeochemical Cycles, Journal of Geophysical Research and New Phytologist.
Smaranda Marinescu’s group will focus its research on the design, synthesis and study of inorganic materials for applications to solar energy conversion. With inspiration from the biological systems, she will help develop synthetic homogeneous catalysts that involve hydrogen bonding networks or heterobimetallic species capable of small molecule activation, and multiple proton and electron transfers. Marinescu’s program will also focus on the development of catalytic surfaces that will support homogeneous and heterogeneous catalysts for the activation of small molecules, such as water or carbon dioxide. Marinescu received the National Science Foundation Centers for Chemical Innovation Postdoctoral Fellowship in 2011–13 and the Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship at Caltech in 2004 and 2005. In 2009, Marinescu received both the Morse Travel Grant and the Bruker-MIT Symposium Prize.
Daniel Nation’s research focuses on vascular aging, dementia and Alzheimer’s disease. More specifically, his research attempts to improve our ability to detect age-related cerebrovascular disease and its impact on cognitive function. Nation completed a postdoctoral training fellowship funded by the National Institutes of Health in biological psychiatry and neuroscience at the University of California, San Diego, School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry.
Ann Owens’ research interests include urban sociology, sociology of education, social stratification and inequality, and social policy. Her current research explores subsidized housing policy and its impacts on neighborhoods, cities, and segregation; factors that shape families’ residential decisions; and causes and consequences of economic segregation of schools and school districts. She was a postdoctoral research fellow at the Center on Poverty and Inequality at Stanford University in 2012–13.
DAPHNA OYSERMAN
Professor of Psychology, Education, and Communication
and Co-director of the USC Dornsife Mind and Society Center
Ph.D., Social Work and Social Psychology, 1988
University of Michigan

Daphna Oyserman studies how small changes in context can shift people’s mindsets, and so, the meaning they make of their own experiences. She also looks at the large downstream effects of the meaning people make of their choices, judgments and behaviors. Starting with experiments to conceptualize the underlying processes, she translates this basic research into real-world interventions. She is a fellow of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology and the Society for Psychological Study of Social Issues (Association for Psychological Science), the Society for Experimental Social Psychology, and the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences.

Previous Institutions:
Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Israel)
Wayne State University
University of Michigan
JONATHAN QUONG
Associate Professor of Philosophy
D.Phil., Politics, 2004
University of Oxford

Jonathan Quong works in political and moral philosophy. He is the author of Liberalism Without Perfection (Oxford University Press, 2011) as well as articles on topics including public reason, democratic theory, distributive justice and the morality of defensive harm. Quong has held visiting fellowships at the Australian National University, Princeton University and Tulane University. In 2012–13, he held a Leverhulme Trust Research Fellowship to pursue work on a monograph on the morality of defensive harm.

Previous Institution:
University of Manchester
ELDA MARÍA ROMÁN
Assistant Professor of English
Ph.D., English Literature, 2013
Stanford University

Elda María Román is a scholar of 20th- and 21st-century American literature, with a focus on Latina/o literature and comparative ethnic studies. Her book project analyzes upward mobility narratives in Chicana/o and African American novels, television and film from the 1940s to the present. She is the recipient of the Beneicke Scholarship and fellowships from the Mellon Foundation, the Ford Foundation and the Social Science Resource Council. At Stanford University, she was awarded fellowships from the Stanford Humanities Center and the Center for Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity.
NORBERT SCHWARZ
Provost Professor of Psychology and Marketing
and Co-director of the USC Dornsife Mind and Society Center
D. Phil., Sociology, 1980
University of Mannheim (Germany)

The author or co-author of more than 20 books, including his most recent collaboration *The Aging Consumer: Perspectives from Psychology and Economics* (Routledge, 2010), Norbert Schwarz studies how humans make sense of the world in which we live, including public opinion, consumer behavior and subjective well-being. Schwarz is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the German National Academy of Science, Leopoldina. He received the Wilhelm Wundt Medal from the German Psychological Society in 2004 and the Wilhelm Wundt-William James Award from the American Psychological Foundation and European Federation of Psychological Associations in 2009.

Previous Institutions:
University of Heidelberg (Germany)
University of Michigan
JASON ZEVIN
Visiting Associate Professor of Psychology and Linguistics
Ph.D., Neuroscience, 2003
University of Southern California

Jason Zevin’s research is driven by a theoretical focus on the role of domain-general learning mechanisms in the organization of the brain for language, particularly reading and speech. His work integrates a range of computational, behavioral and neuroimaging techniques. In computational models of reading across languages, he has been exploring how the same functional architecture could support reading in scripts as different as English and Chinese. In order to relate these computational models to neuroimaging studies, he has begun to apply techniques developed to study brain activity under more ecologically valid conditions than typically obtain in the psychology lab.

Previous Institutions:
Haskins Laboratories
Weill Cornell Medical College
Promotions
Please join us in congratulating our faculty peers who have been promoted in the last year.

**Oscar Aparicio**, Professor of Biological Sciences  
**Thorston Becker**, Professor of Earth Sciences  
**Kimberley Briesch Sumner**, Senior Lecturer, American Language Institute  
**Richard Brutchey**, Associate Professor of Chemistry*  
**Michael Bunn**, Assistant Professor (Teaching) of Writing  
**Liang Chen**, Associate Professor of Biological Sciences*  
**Jeffrey Chisum**, Assistant Professor (Teaching) of Writing  
**Marianna Chodorowska-Pilch**, Associate Professor (Teaching) of Spanish  
**James Condon VII**, Assistant Professor (Teaching) of Writing  
**Giorgio Coricelli**, Associate Professor of Economics and Psychology*  
**Lynn Swartz Dodd**, Associate Professor of the Practice of Religion  
**Barry Griner**, Master Lecturer, American Language Institute  
**Julian Gutierrez-Albilla**, Associate Professor of Spanish and Portuguese*  
**Ralf Haiges**, Associate Professor (Research) of Chemistry  
**Emily Liman**, Professor of Biological Sciences  
**Zsuzsa Londe**, Assistant Professor (Teaching) of English Language
M. G. Lord, Senior Lecturer, Master of Professional Writing Program
Beatrice Mousli Bennett, Professor (Teaching) of French
Mary Ann Murphy, Senior Lecturer, American Language Institute
Shefali Rajamannar, Assistant Professor (Teaching) of Writing
David Rollo, Professor of English*
Eric Roth, Master Lecturer, American Language Institute
Darren Ruddell, Assistant Professor (Teaching) of Spatial Sciences
Jennifer Swift, Associate Professor (Teaching) of Spatial Sciences
Tin-Yu Tseng, Assistant Professor (Teaching) of Chinese
Anastassia Tzoytzoyrakos, Master Lecturer, American Language Institute
Rachel Walker, Professor of Linguistics
Travis Williams, Associate Professor of Chemistry*
Ping Yang, Senior Lecturer, East Asian Languages and Culture
Jianfeng Zhang, Professor of Mathematics
Xianghong Jasmine Zhou, Professor of Biological Sciences

*Tenure Awarded
Celebration of Faculty Retiring Faculty
We recognize our retirees no longer in service to USC for their longtime, devoted efforts to Dornsife. We offer them warm wishes for their future endeavors.

KATHLEEN C. CHAMBERS
Professor Emerita of Psychology and Gerontology

Kathleen Chambers is a psychologist who works in the general area of hormones and behavior. More specifically, she has been interested in how the gonadal hormones influence reproductive and nonreproductive sexually dimorphic behaviors and where they act in the brain to produce their effects on these behaviors. She has focused her research on the behavioral endpoints, conditioned taste aversions and sexual behavior, using rhesus monkeys and rats as animal models. Chambers is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Psychological Association, and the American Psychological Society. She has served as consulting editor for the premier journal, *Behavioral Neuroscience*. She also served as a member of the prestigious Research Scientist Development Review Committee of the National Institutes of Mental Health from 1987 to 1991. Chambers was a dedicated undergraduate instructor and mentor to her doctoral students, receiving a Mellon Mentoring Award in 2007. Chambers received her doctorate from University of Washington and joined USC in 1987. Chambers taught at USC for 26 years.
Carol Hofmann received her doctorate in French from the University of California, Los Angeles in 1986. After a brief teaching period at Trinity College in Burlington, Vt., she came to USC as a senior lecturer and director of the French Language Program. Hofmann was promoted to associate professor (teaching) in 2009. She was a member of the American Association of Teachers of French. She was the guiding light of USC’s undergraduate overseas program in Dijon, France, for many years, and will be remembered for her innovative language teaching with film and technology. Hofmann taught at USC for 25 years.
DARRELL LYNN JUDGE
Professor Emeritus of Physics and Astronomy and Astronautical Engineering

Darrell Judge’s research efforts have focused on the Space Sciences Center, which he directed. Judge is a spectroscopist with broad interests in astrophysical problems and laboratory atomic and molecular physics. He has been the principal investigator for the ultraviolet photometric experiments onboard *Pioneer 10* and *Pioneer 11* and for a sounding rocket program that investigates the influence of the highly time-dependent, extreme ultraviolet solar flux on the photochemistry of planetary atmospheres. In addition to his space research program, Judge has conducted a major laboratory research effort in the extreme ultraviolet and soft X-ray spectral regions, using electron storage ring synchrotron radiation, tunable dye lasers and a variety of conventional light sources to determine the fundamental properties of atomic and molecular systems. He received his doctorate from USC, where he taught for 48 years.
An expert on Victorian literature and culture, Jim Kincaid has researched critical theory, American studies and queer studies. Before coming to USC in 1987, he taught at Ohio State University; the University of California, Berkeley; and the University of Colorado. Kincaid’s research has led to publications in cultural studies, most recently in the history and current cultural practices of eroticizing children and instituting elaborate scapegoating rituals used to disguise it. He regularly taught classes in criminality, lunacy and perversion; age studies; censorship; and in other areas of literary, political and cultural studies. In 2000, he received the USC Raubenheimer Outstanding Senior Faculty Award for Teaching and Scholarship. Kincaid received his doctorate from Case Western Reserve University and taught at USC for 25 years.
FRANK A. LEWIS  
Professor Emeritus of Philosophy  

Frank Lewis’ research efforts have focused on the exploration of Greek philosophy, in particular, Aristotle’s works on metaphysics and natural philosophy. Lewis is the author of the recently published *How Aristotle Gets By in Metaphysics Zeta* (Oxford University Press, 2013). His work has been published in *Phronesis* and *The Modern Schoolman*. Having earned his Ph.D. from Princeton University, Lewis received numerous USC and department awards for his teaching. He was an American Council of Learned Societies fellowship recipient in 1973–74 and 1981–82. He taught at USC for 28 years.
WILLIAM McCLURE
Professor of Biological Sciences

William McClure researched the effects of mild prenatal stress on the development of adult rats. His interest in this work came from the hypothesis that schizophrenia is caused, at least in part, by a prenatal effect. Challenges presented to the mother cause changes in the structure of the brain, which in turn lead to development of the disease when the affected child reaches young adulthood. McClure has examined the effect of puberty on the development of the adult deficiencies in neuroanatomy and has an interest in determining what cells are involved, the neurochemistry of the changes and the behavior of the animals. He received the USC Associates Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1995 and the USC Presidential Medallion in 2003. He received his Ph.D. in biochemistry from the University of Washington and taught at USC for 38 years.
NORMAN MILLER
Professor Emeritus of Psychology and Mendel B. Silberberg Professor Emeritus of Social Psychology

Norman Miller is a social psychologist whose primary research interest has been in intergroup relations. He has published five books and more than 175 articles on subjects including intergroup relations, attitudes, aggression and cooperation. He was identified among the 50 most-cited social psychologists in social psychology textbooks. From 1990–96, he was editor of the Journal of Personality and Social Psychology: Interpersonal Relations & Group Processes, which is internationally recognized as the best journal in the field of social psychology. During his career, Miller received numerous fellowships and awards. He was a John Randolph Haynes & Dora Haynes Foundation Fellow in 1974–75, and was awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship and Fulbright Award in 1984–85, and the Kurt Lewin Memorial Award from the American Psychological Association in 2000. Miller received his doctorate from Northwestern University and taught at USC for 43 years.
G. ALEXANDER MOORE
Professor Emeritus of Anthropology

G. Alexander Moore has researched anthropology and education, political anthropology, urban anthropology, ethnographic film, and film criticism. He is working on the book *Jungle Book: Viewing the Yanomami in Print and Through the Camera*, a study of the ethnographies of the Yanomami Indians as seen in film contrasted with the written portraits. He has researched and written about life cycles in Alotenango, Guatemala, with a particular focus on the diverse careers of Guatemalans. Prior to coming to USC in 1978, he taught at Emory University and the University of Florida. His other books include *Realities of the Urban Classroom: Observations in Elementary Schools* (Doubleday Anchor, 1967), *Life Cycles in Atchalán: The Diverse Careers of Certain Guatemalans* (Teachers College Press, Columbia University, 1973) and *Cultural Anthropology: The Field Study of Human Beings* (Collegiate Press, 1992 [revised 1998]). Moore, who earned his doctorate from Columbia University, has taught at USC for 35 years.
JOHN ODELL
Professor Emeritus of International Relations

John Odell has been a faculty member at USC since 1982 when he joined the university from Harvard; he was promoted to full professor in 1990. Odell is an outstanding scholar in political economy, having published six books. His research has concentrated on the governance of the world economy—why governments and international organizations do what they do in international economic relations. He has written extensively about negotiations among states on issues such as trade, exchange rates and debt. From 1992 through 1996 he served as editor of International Organization, regarded by many as the leading scholarly journal of international relations in the world. He has served as a consultant to the World Bank, the U.S. Department of State, the Ford Foundation, the Asia Foundation, and the Council of the Americas. Odell served as Director of Dornsife’s School of International Relations from 2009 to 2012 and as director of USC’s Center for International Studies from 1989 to 1992. He has won the Mellon Mentoring Award for mentoring undergraduates. Odell has served on many critical university committees, and outside the Trojan Family, Odell has had a long history of service to the American Political Science Association and the International Studies Association. After a tour of duty in Vietnam, Odell completed a Ph.D. in political science in 1976 at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Odell taught at USC for 31 years.
GLORIA ORENSTEIN
Professor Emerita of Comparative Literature and Gender Studies

Gloria Orenstein has researched women’s studies in contemporary art, literature and culture; ecofeminism in the arts; surrealism; women and surrealism; shamanism; and Jewish women artists. Her first book, *The Theater of the Marvelous: Surrealism and The Contemporary Stage* (New York University Press, 1975), paved the way for her work on the women of surrealism. Her book *The Reflowering of the Goddess* (Teachers College Press, 1990) is a feminist analysis of the movement in the contemporary arts that reclaims the goddess as a symbol of a paradigm shift and a change in our mythos and ethos. She was a contributing editor to *FEMSPEC*, an interdisciplinary feminist journal dedicated to critical and creative works in the realms of science fiction, fantasy, folklore and other supernatural genres. Prior to coming to USC, she was the chair of the women’s studies program at Douglass College. Orenstein, who earned a doctorate in comparative literature from New York University, taught at USC for 32 years.
ALAN SCHUMITZKY
Professor Emeritus of Mathematics

Alan Schumitzky’s research interests have focused on estimation and control theory, applied pharmacokinetics, complex analysis and software development. He was one of the early developers of nonparametric maximum likelihood estimation for pharmacokinetic population distributions. He was a co-developer with David D’Argenio of the ADAPT software package for pharmacokinetic and pharmcodynamic systems analysis. In addition to USC, he taught at the University of California, Berkeley; and was a visiting scholar at the University of California, Los Angeles. He was also a visiting professor at Victoria University in Wellington, New Zealand, and at the University of Washington. He is a member of USC’s Laboratory of Applied Pharmacokinetics and the American Mathematical Society. Schumitzky received his Ph.D. in mathematics from Cornell University and taught at USC for 47 years.
In Memoriam
ERNEST B. KOENKER
Professor Emeritus of History

A respected scholar of the Christian tradition with his roots in Lutheranism, Ernest B. Koenker received his doctorate from the University of Chicago Divinity School and taught at Valparaiso University prior to coming to USC in 1965. He worked first at the USC School of Religion and then from 1967 in the history department.

Koenker’s intellectual breadth led him to confront thinkers as complex as Heidegger, Kierkegaard and Jacob Boehme, in his many articles, and to write a major monograph, The Liturgical Renaissance in the Roman Catholic Church (The University Press, 1953). Other works by Koenker include Secular Salvations (Fortress Press, 1965) and Great Dialecticians in Modern Christian Thought (Augsburg Publishing, 1971), in which he ruminated on topics that included worship, symbolism and Christian dialectics. In the USC Dornsife history department, Koenker was one of the creators of a core introductory graduate course for new students in all fields.
MOSHE LAZAR
Professor Emeritus of Comparative Literature

Described by those who knew him best as “a warrior scholar,” Moshe Lazar devoted his life to his “intellectual rescue mission” saving Sephardic literature and culture, including rare medieval texts in Judeo-Spanish (Ladino) — the spoken and written language developed by Spanish Jews before their expulsion from Spain in 1492. Lazar counted among his areas of expertise courtly love, Sephardic and Hebrew literature, works in Ladino, Provençal literature, Spanish, and Judeo-Spanish biblical texts, Hebrew poetry, medieval and modern drama, the paintings of Hieronymus Bosch, and at least a dozen other research topics.

Lazar joined USC Dornsife in 1977 as a visiting professor in the theatre department. Soon after, he joined the then-comparative literature program and served as chair. He was named Andrew W. Mellon Professor of the Humanities in 1981 and served as a fellow and member of the policy committee of USC’s Center for the Humanities.
WILLIAM VAN CLEAVE
Professor of International Relations

Professor of international relations and director of the Strategic Studies Program at USC from 1967 to 1987, William Van Cleave had vast experience in, and influence upon, U.S. defense policy. He served in numerous policy-advisory positions. In the 1970s, he was a delegate to the U.S.-Soviet Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT) and a member of the “Team B” review of intelligence estimates on the Soviet military. From 1979 to 1981, he was senior adviser to Ronald Reagan and director of the defense transition team for Reagan’s new administration.

The author of 200-plus publications, Van Cleave helped to place many of his graduate students in important executive-branch, Congressional staff and think-tank posts. He stirred controversy with hardline positions favoring a large U.S. military build-up, one that some credit with accelerating the USSR’s global retreat in the late 1980s and ultimately ending the Cold War.
Dallas Willard joined USC in 1965 in USC Dornsife’s School of Philosophy, where he taught for the next 47 years. An expert in Christian spiritual formation, Willard studied metaphysics, contemporary European philosophy, ethics and the history of ethics, with a particular emphasis on the status of moral knowledge in contemporary society. His research specialties included systematic metaphysics; ontology of concepts, language and thought; phenomenology; the history of ethics; and philosophy of religion.

The author of more than 200 published articles, 23 critical reviews and 22 forewords, Willard was an expert on influential 20th-century German philosopher Edmund Husserl, the principal founder of phenomenology. He published two books of translations of Husserl’s works — *Early Writings in the Philosophy of Logic and Mathematics* (Springer, 1993) and *Philosophy of Arithmetic* (Springer, 2003) — while also translating a large number of shorter pieces.