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# David Dubbink

Emeritus Professor

1945 - 2016



Dr. David Dubbink passed away in December after a year-long battle with cancer. Dr. Dubbink was a tenured faculty member in CRP from 1989 to 2006 where he primarily taught courses in environmental planning. He earned his MCP at the University of California, Berkeley and his Ph.D. at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Dave was an internationally-recognized expert in noise assessment and management. He was a consultant in environmental planning and developer of the *Interactive Sound experience (ISe)*. The *ISe* package has been used in community noise studies throughout the United States and in other countries. His clients included the FAA, the United States Army and Air Force, the Federal Office of the Environment of Germany, Transport Canada, and consulting firms in the US, Europe, Southeast Asia and Australia (among others). In 1993 the California Chapter of the American Planning Association awarded his work in the innovative use of technology.

Prior to Cal Poly Dave served as agency director and planner for several agencies including the *North Central Region of the Coastal Commission* and the *Tahoe Regional Planning Agency*. He also served as Regional Executive Director and Chief Planner for the California Coastal Conservation Commission (San Francisco, Marin, Sonoma Counties). He was a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners, the American Planning Association, and the Association of Environmental Professionals.

In the CRP Department, Dave taught a variety of classes and served on numerous committees. Of particular note, Dave served as field internship advisor for the HUD Community Development Fellowship program, and in that capacity placed under-represented students in local planning positions best suited to help them build successful careers. He was quite sensitive to individual student needs on both the personal and academic levels. Dave was also famous as the “noise guy.” He would bring his “noise machine” (a sophisticated hardware and software setup) to classes and college open house events and students and parents alike would be amazed at the noise simulation of aircraft flying over places like the Grand Canyon. This helped the department recruit students and to demonstrate the application of technology to professional planning practice.

Over the years Dave and his wife Cher have supported students with their generous donations to the CRP scholarship fund which helped recruit excellent out-of-state students to the MCRP program. Dave was a wonderful colleague and friend. He was a committed mentor of junior faculty and provided friendly, useful advice to students starting a career in planning. He was known for his sharp intellect, quick wit, and dapper style. He will be dearly missed.