

Wayne W. Untereiner
1926 - 1991
PROFESSOR OF ANTHROPOLOGY, EMERITUS

B.A., University of California, Berkeley; M.A., Ph.D., Social Relations,
Harvard University, June, 1952
California State University, Fullerton From 1926 To 1991
Birth: May 28, 1926; Death: September 28, 1991

Dr. Wayne W. Untereiner, who taught anthropology at California State University, Fullerton for over 25 years, died suddenly in his sleep during the early hours of Saturday, September 28, 1991.

Wayne Whitlock Untereiner was born in Pasadena, California on May 28, 1926, the son of Professor Ray E. Untereiner and Edith Lucille Whitlock. He earned his B.A. in anthropology from the University of California at Berkeley in 1947, and an M.A. (1949) and Ph.D. (1952) in Social Anthropology from Harvard University. He served as a Post-Doctoral Fellow in the Center for Advanced Study at Stanford during 1954-55. At the time of his death at age 65, Wayne Untereiner was Professor Emeritus of Anthropology at California State University, Fullerton, California.

Professor Untereiner had a varied and rich career as a university professor and administrator. Before he began teaching, he served in the U.S. Navy as a Naval Gunfire Liaison Officer assigned to the First Marine Division in Korea (1952-53), and as an Administrative Secretary, Naval Gunfire Support School in Coronado, California (1953-54). From 1955 to 1958 he was associated with the University of Southern California as an Assistant Professor of Public Administration and as Director of the International Public Administration Center. For three years (1958-1961) he was associated with the Government Affairs Institute in Tehran, Iran, and from 1961-1964 he served as an Associate Professor in the Department of Government at Indiana University.

Professor Untereiner joined California State University, Fullerton in 1964 as the first and only Professor of Anthropology. In 1965 he established the new Department of Anthropology and served as the founding Chairman of the department for three years. He hired four additional faculty members to teach a variety of anthropology courses during 1965-68. He took leave of absence during 1968-69 to become the Dean of the Federal Executive Institute in Charlottesville, Virginia, and upon his return was appointed the Dean of Planning of California State University, Fullerton. In 1971 he became the Associate Vice President for Academic Services and Planning at CSUF.

Professor Untereiner left administrative work in 1973 and taught a variety of courses for the next fifteen years as a full-time Professor of Anthropology. He contributed extensively to the enhancement of departmental teaching effectiveness and student enrichment. He developed various innovative courses such as *Liberal Studies in Art and Humanities*,

Lifetimes, Life Quests, Ideology and Myths for Moderns, and *Applied Anthropology*. He also conducted a highly successful seminar called *Imagination and Improvisation Workshop*. He became the main spokesman, organizer, and teacher of the Anthropology Graduate Program from 1980 to 1986. He reshaped the teaching of the two advanced graduate seminars and served as the Graduate Program Advisor during that period.

Professor Untereiner's major publications include *Cultural Dimensions of the Mind* (1954), *The Administrative Environment of Iran* (1955), and *Cultural Design and Development--An Iranian Case Study* (1961). At the time of his death, he was working on a book entitled *Henry A. Murray and the Development of Psychology as a Modern Academic Discipline*.

During the past two decades, Professor Untereiner became actively involved in the practice and study of New Age philosophies, including human potential therapies and futuristics. He was committed to both scientific and religious explorations of the mind and the body, and was always eager to embrace new ideas, keeping an open mind. He shared his experiences freely and openly with friends and colleagues.

Professor Untereiner was more than a friend, more than a teacher, and more than a colleague. He believed in giving: he gave gifts of books and cultural artifacts to everyone, and was always willing to help intellectually and materially. A walking encyclopedia, he possessed extensive knowledge of history, philosophy, psychology, anthropology, and religion. His greatness cannot be quantified. He made a difference in the lives of so many people. He was the spiritual father and guru of many, an intellectual godfather of others, and a compassionate friend of all. The world has lost a great human being, a man of heroic proportions, and a gentle soul. But his memory will live in the hearts and minds of those whom he touched -- and there are thousands.

Submitted by
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