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DEBORAH SELL CRAIG [1951-2013]

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With this issue we honor Deborah Sell Craig, longtime staff member at the Kent State University Honors College, who passed away in July surrounded by her family.

Deborah received her BA in political science from Wittenberg and followed it with two master's degrees (political science and education) and a PhD in educational evaluation and measurement from Kent State University. Her 1987 dissertation, "Predicting Success in an Honors Program: A Comparative Multiple and Ridge Regression," was an early example of honors research. Her 1981 annotated bibliography of "The Honors Movement in the United States" in *Forum for Honors* and her subsequent two-part article in the same journal shed significant light on honors history.

Deb joined the staff of the honors college in 1976 as a graduate assistant, serving as an advisor and soon as a research assistant just in time to help Kent State host the NCHC annual conference in 1978. She attended national NCHC conferences over the next three decades and often gave sessions, Idea Exchange presentations, and advice in the Consultants Center. Later she was elected to the Board of Directors and served as member and co-chair of the Research Committee. She served on the *Honors in Practice* Editorial Board and briefly on the Portz Fellowship Committee and the Committee on Diversity Issues.

As a beloved staff member of the Kent State University Honors College for thirty-seven years, Deb brought the highest integrity and intelligence to every responsibility she accepted, from advising students, fundraising, and working with six-year accelerated medical students to coordinating recruitment, scholarships, and the university's Guest of Honor Artist/Lecture Series. She was widely known and universally respected both by the honors students she loved and by all the multitude of staff people she worked with at the university and who honored her with a Total Quality Service Award. She was a donor to the honors college, a volunteer in many service organizations, and an enthusiastic champion of study abroad. She was known around the office not only for her outpouring of creative ideas and her difficulty in suffering fools lightly elsewhere but also for her energy, love of life, infectious giggle, and upbeat courage. She is greatly missed by the local and national honors community.