

A Resolution in Honor of Darrick Danta (Approved by Faculty Senate, March 7, 2013)

Darrick Danta, professor, former chair of the Geography Department and Associate Dean of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, died of natural causes on February 15, 2013 while descending New York Peak in the Mojave National Preserve.

Darrick received his BA and MA in Geography from Northridge, completed his doctorate at Ohio State and became a member of the Geography Department in 1985. He became chair of the Department in 2007 and later moved on to become the associate dean of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences in 2011, a position he held until his death.

Darrick was active in all phases of the Department and served as a mentor for junior faculty, helping them through the steps of the RTP process, providing encouragement and advice and support when needed. Darrick was active in the Association of Pacific Coast Geographers, serving as the editor of its Yearbook and also as its president in 2008. As many of us know, he was very detail-oriented, a trait that served him well in his duties as associate dean. He constantly stressed the importance of the institution of academia - values he instilled in junior faculty and that will resonate in our department for years to come.

Darrick had many friends at Northridge and in the community. All will miss his energy and commitment, and even his puns. Our hearts go out to his wife, Sara.

In memory of Darrick Danta, we would like to move the following resolution:

Resolved: That the Senate of California State University, Northridge acknowledge and honor the outstanding contributions made to our institution by Dr. Darrick Danta as a friend, mentor, teacher, scholar and administrator, and be it further

Resolved: That these comments become a permanent part of the annals of this Senate and that a copy of this resolution be sent to his wife, Sara and his brother, Randall.