

**University of Louisville Faculty Senate Resolution  
In Memoriam: Dr. Ruth Huber, Professor Emeritus,  
Raymond A. Kent School of Social Work  
February 7, 2018**

Dr. Ruth Huber, Professor Emeritus at the University of Louisville Kent School of Social Work, passed away on January 23, 2018. She began her distinguished University of Louisville career in Fall 1989, after earning a BSW (1985), graduating summa cum laude, and MSW (1986) from the University of Oklahoma. She earned her doctoral degree in Social Welfare from the University of Washington in 1989.

In 1996, Dr. Ruth Huber became the inaugural Director of Kent School's Doctoral Program in Social Work, a position she held until her retirement in June 2011. Dr. Huber was a teacher, scholar and tireless advocate for students. She taught both Masters level and Doctoral level courses in research and social welfare policy. Dr. Huber research interests were related to older adult advocacy, hospice, social work education, and program evaluation. She was the author or co-author of over 35 journal articles, co-authored a book on elder advocacy, and gave numerous presentations at local and national conferences.

Dr. Huber's passion was mentoring doctoral students, whether it meant teaching them in class, leading their dissertation committees or advising them about future career goals and opportunities. One of the statements she was fond of saying was "students may not remember what we teach them but will never forget how we treat them."

Dr. Ruth Huber was recognized for her commitment to students when she received the 2002 University of Louisville Trustees Award. The Trustees award was created in 1989 to honor faculty who individually have an extraordinary impact on our students. When Dr. Ruth Huber was selected, the Board of Trustees noted that her students were her first priority and that she wove "a tapestry of opportunities and situations that lead to success for the students enrolled in the doctoral program. Her research and service activities always lead to advantages for her students including how she inspired them to achieve, helped her students obtain research support and funding for assistantships while in the program, and encourages them to participate in conferences, publish in peer-reviewed journals, and practice in the community."

Dr. Huber's commitment to students is illustrated by the creation of the Ruth Huber Ph.D. Student Support Endowment to provide funding for students in the Kent School of Social Work who need assistance for conducting, presenting and publishing their Ph.D. research.

Dr. Huber's service and commitment to our community was exemplary. She worked with Hospice and Palliative Care of Louisville. She served as Vice President of the Board of Directors of the Louisville Coalition for the Homeless, and in that work she developed a doctoral assistantship for Kent School students. In 2002, she received the prestigious award given by the Caritas Foundation as Community Leader of the Year. She donated the award prize, \$1,500, to Hospice.

In 2009 she received the Moya M. Duplica Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Washington, and in 2010 she was given the Sherrill Thirlwell Award of Individual Excellence from Hosparus Health of Louisville.

Dr. Huber served on the Faculty Senate representing the Kent School of Social Work for many years, and was a member of the Senate Executive Committee, Academic Programs Committee, and Planning & Budget Committee. In addition, Dr. Huber served on the University Planning and Advisory Committee, the President's Awards Committees, one of the Human Studies Committees, and the then-existing Graduate Council.

Her family has requested that any donations in her honor can be sent to the Ruth Huber PHD Student Support Fund, University of Louisville Advancement, Attn. Laura Brock, Development. 2323 S. Brook Street, Louisville, KY 40292

Dr. Ruth Huber was held in high personal esteem by the faculty and staff of the Kent School of Social Work and her colleagues throughout the University. Her death on January 23, 2018 is a great loss to her family, friends, the university, and the broader community.

By this resolution, the University of Louisville Faculty Senate extends its deepest sympathy to Dr. Ruth Huber's family. The University of Louisville chimes will sound at 3:00 p.m. on this 7th day of February 2018 to commemorate Dr. Ruth Huber's outstanding contributions to the University of Louisville. This resolution shall be recorded in the minutes of the University of Louisville Faculty Senate and a copy will be forwarded to her surviving family members.

Respectfully submitted,

Enid Trucios-Haynes  
Chair, Faculty Senate