

Professor Chris Lamm

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Dr. Christine Lamm, a full-time faculty member in the Fullerton College Child Development and Educational Studies Department. She had only recently announced her retirement and was honored at the 2013 Commencement.

Dr. Lamm started teaching at Fullerton College in 1974 and was a dedicated faculty member. She chaired the Student Equity Committee and the college's annual KinderCaminata celebration, and was a member of the Faculty Senate and Umoja Advisory Committee.

In recent years, moved by the struggles faced by many of our students, Dr. Lamm founded the Fullerton College Food Bank Collaborative and could often be found working the check-in desk.

Dr. Lamm's volunteerism extended beyond the college. She and former Fullerton Mayor protem Pam Keller co-founded the Fullerton Collaborative which each spring hosts the popular Faces of Fullerton event.

Chris Lamm received her Bachelor of Science degree from Maryville College, Master of Arts from Pacific Oaks College, and doctorate from the Claremont Graduate University.

Chris was very active in NAEYC and CAEYC conferences both in leading the Advocacy Center and also projects working for peace and non-violence in the lives of children. She founded the Orange County Peace Camp and just celebrated twenty years of bringing children, youth and leaders together to learn about social justice issues and move toward collaboration and conflict resolution. The Orange County Peace Camps are held yearly in Irvine Regional Park. This year's Peace



Chris chaired so many committees at Fullerton College. She was wonderful at taking minutes. Here she is at the Child Development and Educational Studies department Lab School typing the advisory board meeting minutes.



At Left:
Dr. Christine Lamm being honored as a dignitary by Fullerton College President Rajen Vurdien at the Fullerton College 2013 Commencement. Chris smiled huge smiles as students graduated. She was an excellent dedicated professor and her students loved her and learned so much from her.

Camp will be held in honor of Chris during the week of July 29 – August 2, 2013.

Chris was honored as an Ambassador of Peace by the Violence Prevention Coalition of Orange County.

She was a leader in the Non Violence in the Lives of Children Project and CEASE, Concerned Educator's Allied For a Safe Environment.

Years ago Marian Wright Edelman, (President of the Children's Defense Fund) a friend and mentor of hers gave her a charge to involve people in her passions, her projects, to support collaboration in her community and to mentor others to conduct the social justice work.

Chris accomplished this in her lifetime. She worked tirelessly and fought fiercely to protect the rights of children, youth and her college students. She was an incredible mentor to all of us, as well as the Lamm family. She was amazing. But most of all we want to talk about her as a friend. Our Social Sciences colleague shared a poem with us that he wrote about Chris.

Thoughts on our loss of Chris

In silence, as I sat, these words came to my mind....Chris is among us no more.....

Who shall speak where now there is silence?

Who shall stand where others dare remain seated?

Who shall greet us and leave us in friendship and peace?

Who shall point to the promise of the little ones and gather them in one place for all to see what is yet to become?

And who shall hold before us the mirror of the better people we can become?

In her life and in her passing Chris reminds me of how far I have yet to go, and of choices that yet remain.

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Dr. Christine Lamm passed away in Vermont after concluding a CEASE Retreat on June 11th, 2013. The CEASE minutes arrived typed and concise to members shortly after her passing.

Let's remember her life for all the changes she fought for, for all of the people whose own lives are better for having known her.

We love you Chris.. You are our friend and our family.

At Right:

Chris with La Habra Mayor Rose Espinoza, Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva, Fullerton College VP Toni Dubois, and Pam Keller President of the Fullerton Collaborative at the KinderCaminata Celebration at Fullerton College Spring of 2013.



Dr. Chris Lamm at her retirement party at Angelo and Vinci's on May 10, 2013. She was one of three retirees in the Social Sciences Division at Fullerton College. Pictured with her is longtime friend and CDES colleague Dr. Tom Chiaromonte. She was honored by Sharon Quirk-Silva with a plaque from the California State Assembly.



Professor Chris Lamm with her students Collin Page, Ana Page, and Jason Sato, who she mentored as small children in the Orange County Peace Camp which she founded. They grew up and became camp counselors and are now youth leaders running the summer camp. This picture was taken on June 1st, 2013 at a celebration of Chris' retirement from 42 years of being in education. Youth leaders and college students paid tribute to her in a very moving way.



Chris with Dr. Vurdien and fellow dignitaries at the 2013 Fullerton College Commencement.