

## Professor Richard Nutbrown, Political Science, University of Waterloo



Professor Richard Nutbrown, professor of political science at the University of Waterloo, passed away peacefully on July 12, 2012. He was 64 years old.

Having joined the Department in 1982, Professor Nutbrown served in the Department for nearly thirty years.

Cross-appointed to the Department of Philosophy, Professor Nutbrown was best known as an award winning teacher – winning the University of Waterloo Distinguished Teacher Award in 2002 “in recognition of a continued record of excellence in teaching at the University of Waterloo.” As the long-standing instructor of the Department’s largest introductory undergraduate course, PSCI 101 Introduction to Political Ideas, he was the Department’s best known and most popular professor – garnering numerous mentions in Maclean’s Guide to Canadian Universities category of ‘most popular professors’ at the University of Waterloo.

Professor Nutbrown served in a wide-number of administrative positions in the Department of Political Science, the Faculty of Arts, and the University of Waterloo and served continuously in major administrative roles from 2000 to the beginning of February 2011 when he was diagnosed with a brain tumour. Professor Nutbrown served as Associate Chair (Undergraduate) from 2000 to 2005 and as Chair of the Department of Political Science from 2005 to 2011. He was instrumental in founding the Masters in Arts and PhD in Global Governance. He was also the founding Director of the Masters of Public Service Program.

Prof. Nutbrown was a leading scholar on classical and modern political philosophy as well as philosophy of the social sciences with a particular interest in the works of Hegel and Marx. Having received a BA from Bishop’s University, he received a Ph.D. (with highest distinction) from Carleton in 1985 for his dissertation on Hegel and the Limits of Interpretation in Political Theory. Prof. Nutbrown published in *Eidos*, the *Canadian Journal of Political Science*; has several chapters in books, and recently completed *History, Language and Time*.

In recognition of his continuing contributions to teaching, administration and scholarship, Professor Nutbrown was awarded the University of Waterloo Outstanding Performance Award in 2010.

The Richard Nutbrown Fund at the University of Waterloo has been established to celebrate the teaching, leadership and scholarship of Professor Nutbrown. Friends, colleagues and former students who wish to contribute to this fund in honour of Prof. Nutbrown may do so online at <https://ecommunity.uwaterloo.ca/giving>.

The Department of Political Science will be holding a memorial service for Prof. Nutbrown in the fall term.