

Sandi's influence in the Department of Anthropology was monumental. As a liaison to the administration she provided sound advice and insider wisdom, and the courage to be bold despite formidable obstacles. For me she was a truthful sounding board—someone who would listen carefully and help decipher, in her wise way, multiple points of view and strategies. She was extremely supportive of my research and my leadership roles, and she was a fantastic mentor and model of the students whose advising we shared. She was so smart and so kind and caring! For the field of Anthropology her accomplishments are innumerable— in women's health, gender studies, welfare reform, taxation— in all these issues she combined impeccable scholarship with advocacy. And as a teacher she opened students' eyes to an equal justice perspective in American society.

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