

Sandi was the stateswoman who, for me was an empowerer, a mentor, and supporter of my growth to become department head of Anthropology. She was the person I turned to, not only for the help with the thornier issues that come with such a role, but for the encouragement and refining of the strategic thinking that can make taking on such a role truly rewarding.

When I think of Sandi, when I hear her voice in my head, when I still talk with her for her advice on a complex issue, I feel — not the hole that her loss has made — but the mountain that she built in my life, in all our lives, that I, and all of us, stand on every day and that will never go away.

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