

Craig Chaudron: In Memoriam

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On August 21st, 2006, Professor Craig Chaudron, chair of the graduate programs in the Department of Second Language Studies at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa and Editorial Board member of *Reading in a Foreign Language*, died unexpectedly of a heart attack. Our field has lost a scholar of considerable depth and importance, who will not easily be replaced.

Craig was educated at Wabash College (B.A. in philosophy and French) and the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education at the University of Toronto (M.Ed. in educational theory and Ph.D. in educational linguistics). During his long but too short career, he taught kindergarten in Denmark, was a visiting assistant professor on the mainland U.S.A., and for 23 years taught at the Department of English as a Second Language (now the Department of Second Language Studies) at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

Craig specialized in second language classroom research, second language research methods, applied psycholinguistics, and discourse analysis. He was a meticulous researcher, who set exacting standards for himself and his students. He was known both for his deep kindness and the depth of his interest in the work of his students and colleagues, freely giving of his time, insight, and energy in the projects of others. As graduate chair, Craig attended in detail to student needs and academic interests.

Craig is perhaps best known internationally for his book *Second language classrooms: Research on teaching and learning* (Cambridge University Press, 1988), for his service as the North American editor of the journal *Applied Linguistics* (1989-1995), and for his service as a member of the Executive Board of the American Association of Applied Linguistics, 1989-1992 and 2005-present.

Those lucky enough to have been among his friends will remember Craig's humor, intelligence, and genuine caring about others. They will also remember his tolerance for office clutter and his attention to detail.

Craig is survived by his wife, Dr. Lucía Aranda, and three children, Camila, Cara, and Nicolas. He was a close friend to colleagues and students. It is not possible to describe how deeply he will be missed.

A sea burial was held by the family Saturday, August 26, on Kaimana Beach in Honolulu. Hundreds of family, friends, and colleagues were in attendance to see Craig off, and to mourn

with Lucia, Camila, Cara, Nicky, his family, and his extended family of friends and colleagues.