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2000, according to the *Globe*. She often wove her personal interests in peace movements and environmental activism into her teaching; one of her popular courses was an honors seminar in nature, ecology, and politics.

She also taught in the BU program for prisoners working toward their bachelor's degrees. She "had this fabulous institutional memory, and could always be counted on for advice," Rossell says.

Zisk wrote dozens of articles and four books on subjects ranging from political activism to the media's role in politics to grassroots

✦ **CAS' Betty Zisk (center), teaching a graduate course in 1984, was a pacifist who had a passion for the environment.**

influential members as Howard Zinn and Murray Levin, two late professors emeritus, and Frances Fox Piven, now a professor of political science and sociology at the City University of New York.

But, according to Rossell, Zisk was "never part of a group. She always did her own thing." She would often throw parties at her Burlington home and invite graduate students. "Not many professors did that, not at that time," Rossell recalls. "She was the senior faculty member who really engaged with students. We miss her a lot."

**SCOTT WHITING AUSTIN, 61, a former College of Arts & Sciences assistant professor of philosophy, on December 19, 2014.**

An internationally regarded scholar of ancient Greek philosophy, Austin was a senior associate professor in philosophy at Texas A&M University, where he is remembered for his inimitable pedagogy and devotion to students. He mentored graduate students and countless undergraduates; served as the director and faculty advisor of the



undergraduate program in philosophy for 14 years; and was the faculty advisor of his department's undergraduate journal and philosophy club. Twice he received university awards for excellence in teaching.

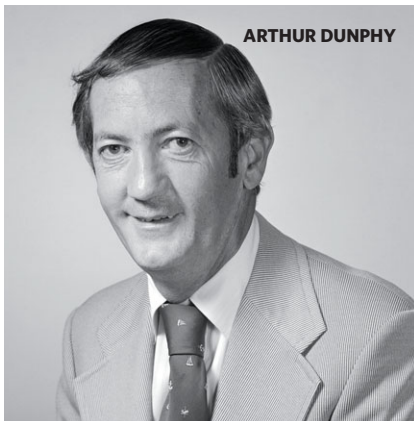
Austin earned a BA from Yale University in 1974 and a PhD from the University of Texas at Austin. He was the recipient of a Fulbright Fellowship.

He was a member of the Boston University faculty in the 1980s, and was a visiting fellow in the Princeton University philosophy depart-

ment in 1999 and at Clare Hall at the University of Cambridge, England, in 2004–2005.

He divided his 2010 sabbatical year between visiting professorships at Renmin University of China in Beijing and the University of Szeged in Hungary.

Austin was the author of the monographs *Parmenides: Being, Bounds, and Logic* (Yale University Press, 1986), *Parmenides and the History of Dialectic: Three Essays* (Parmenides Publishing, 2007), and *Tao and Trinity: Notes on Self-Reference and the Unity of Opposites in Philosophy* (Palgrave Pivot, 2014), as well as numerous scholarly articles.



ARTHUR DUNPHY

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**ARTHUR DUNPHY (COM'61)**, 80, a former College of Communication adjunct professor of public relations, on March 22, 2014.

After earning a BS in journalism at COM, Dunphy became sports information director for BU, a position he held for nine years, during which he voiced the radio play-by-plays for hockey and football games. His subsequent positions included a role as the publicity director for the then-new professional hockey team, the New England Whalers (now the Carolina Hurricanes). When the Whalers moved to Hartford, Conn., Dunphy combined his interests in sports and journalism to establish two regional sports publications on hockey and golf.

Dunphy returned to his alma mater in the late 1970s and worked at BU for more than 10 years, holding positions including assistant athletic director, director of alumni communications, and director of alumni relations, as well as serving as a COM adjunct professor of public relations.

Karen Canfield (COM'83), who attended BU while Dunphy was a faculty member, recalls how he guided her academic and professional path "with kindness, wisdom, and inspiration." Dunphy's mentorship extended beyond BU; when Canfield moved back to Boston a few years after graduation, she says, she would still "seek Art out for advice: first professional and, eventually, personal" as she "navigated the early years of marriage and parenting."

When Dunphy moved on to work at the Boston Public Library (BPL),

he continued to attend Terrier sporting events and donate to the Friends of BU Hockey. As BPL's public information officer, a position he held for a decade, he executed an award-winning PR campaign. After he retired from the library, he was an active community member in his hometown of Scituate, Mass., serving as the PR representative for a local Independence Day celebration, serving on the capital campaign steering committee for the Scituate Library Foundation, and acting as a PR consultant for a few local businesses and universities, including BU.

Canfield, who happened to move to Scituate as well, reflects on Dunphy's impact on her life beyond BU: "I was an 18-year-old freshman from the Midwest with absolutely no connection to Boston or BU. I met Art—Mr. Dunphy then—[during] my first week, and he ended up being a lifelong mentor and friend." MARA SASSOON

**DAVID C. MOUNTAIN, 68**, a College of Engineering professor of advanced hearing and acoustics research, on November 5, 2014.

An internationally recognized professor of biomedical engineering at BU for the past 35 years, Mountain pursued research on auditory function and underwater acoustics, and was a cofounder of Biomimetic Systems, Inc., a Cambridge-based start-up advancing acoustic sensors for medical, military,

and other applications. In 2002, he was inducted as a fellow of the American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering "for significant engineering-driven advances in the structure-function-mechanism relations of auditory physiology, with emphasis on outer hair cells and cochlea."

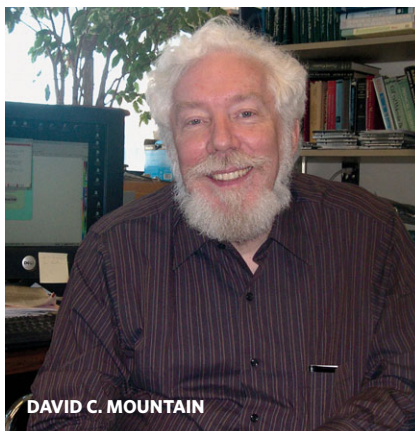
As a principal investigator at BU's Auditory Biophysics and Simulation Laboratory and a key member of the University's Hearing Research Center, Mountain pursued research that combined engineering and physiological techniques to improve our understanding of the hearing process. He sought to pinpoint, quantify, and model mechanisms of auditory processing in the cochlea, or inner ear, including the amplifying effect of the cochlea's outer hair cells.

Applying many of his insights to real-world problems, Mountain studied marine mammal hearing and undersea sound propagation for the US Navy, and he was the main force behind EarLab, an online platform that provides models of the auditory system for a wide range of hearing research applications.

Mountain took a leading role in the design and evolution of the biomedical engineering department's undergraduate and graduate curricula and was a passionate advocate for incorporating substantial design content into the department's courses.

"David played a pioneering role in the general development of the department, and hearing research specifically, over the past 35 years," says Sol Eisenberg, an ENG professor and chair of biomedical engineering. "His contributions in so many areas have helped to make us the department we are today. He will be deeply missed." MARK DWORTZAN

*Memorial contributions in David Mountain's name may be made to Essex County Greenbelt, 82 Eastern Ave., Essex, MA 01929 or to the Parker River Clean Water Association, P.O. Box 798, Byfield, MA 01922.*



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