

Savo Jevremovic, professor emeritus, dies

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We are all saddened by the death of Savo Jevremovic, professor emeritus of economics at the University. He died Saturday, August 10, 2013, at his home in Alfred Station following a short illness. He was 83.

For many AU alumni, Jevremovic was not just a professor, but also a mentor and a friend.

“For many years, I have heard our alumni recount their fond memories of Savo,” said Alfred University President Charles M. Edmondson. “It is obvious that he embodied the qualities that all of us who teach hope that our students will see in us. Alfred University has lost a legendary member of its community.”

Born in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, on Oct. 25, 1929, he was the son of Dragoljub Jevrmovic, a doctor and congressman, and his wife Olga, a homemaker whose father was the President of the National Assembly. Savo was 12 years old when World War II arrived at his family’s doorstep. They fled their country when Yugoslavia suffered a civil war within the larger war and the new regime began incarcerating members of the pre-war government.

With one suitcase, the family made it to Trieste, Italy where Savo’s father provided medical care for other refugees. By 1946 the family reached Paris, where Savo finished high school and then entered the Sorbonne. In 1950 the family’s visas were finally approved and they emigrated to the United States. Savo graduated from Fordham University with a bachelor’s in economics and later received his masters in economics from NYU. He returned to the Sorbonne for graduate studies and earned a *Doctorat En Sciences Economiques* with high honors in 1976.

In 1956, Jevremovic moved to Alfred to teach economics at Alfred University, and remained a member of the faculty for the next 40 years until his retirement on Dec. 31, 1995. Shortly after he arrived in Alfred, he met his wife, the former Beatriz Romero, who was a student what is now the School of Art & Design at Alfred University. They were

married on Jan. 27, 1958 after she completed her studies. They made Alfred their permanent home, where they raised their children. Beatriz taught elementary art in Wellsville Central Schools for several years.

During his time at AU, Jevremovic taught a variety of economics courses, which his students dubbed "Savonomics." He was also advisor to Students In Free Enterprise.

An expert on international economics, Jevremovic also developed expertise in regional economics, conducting for the College of Business the "Annual Survey of Area Businesses" for a number of years and hosting the Alfred University Annual Invitational Business Seminars. He was a frequently commentator in area media on international affairs and economic issues and had a regular bi-weekly program on radio station WLEA in Hornell.

Jevremovic twice served as interim dean for Business, first in 1970 and again in 1982.

He was the recipient of the Ruth Burger Rubenstein Memorial Award and the Joseph Kruson Trust Fund Award, both presented to AU faculty members for Excellence in Teaching.

He was an honorary member of Delta Mu Delta, a business honor society and served as president of Beta Gamma Sigma honor society. The Alfred University Alumni Association presented the Faculty Friend Award in 1983. He belonged to the American Economic Association, the Eastern Economic Association, the New York State Economic Association, and the Congress of Political Economists International, serving as a member of its program committee.

His experiences as an immigrant made Savo particular sympathetic to international students and visiting faculty. He loved to cook and entertain, often welcoming faculty and students from afar into his home and helping them orient themselves to a new and sometimes perplexing environment. The Jevremovics' annual Pond Party, for which he prepared most of the food, was a long-standing summertime tradition in Alfred.

The Jevremovics were avid skiers, and Savo shared his passion with AU students, establishing the AU ski team in 1969. He coached the team for 15 years, and in 1978, was named coach of the year by the Eastern Intercollegiate Ski Association.

He died surrounded by his family in his home of 52 years following complications from a stroke. He is survived by his wife Beatriz, his sons Charles and Andrew, his grandchildren Ruben, Natalija and Petra, his brother Ilija Jevremovic and his nephew George Jevremovic.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, August 17, 2013 at Union University Church on Church Street in the Village of Alfred.

The family is asking memorial gifts be made to Alfred University, 1 Saxon Drive, Alfred, NY 14802. Please note on the donation that the gift is in memory of Savo Jevremovic. Gifts may also be made online at <http://www.alfred.edu/alumni>

