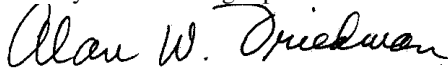


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**REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION COMMITTEE FOR
CAROLYN P. BOYD**

The special committee of the General Faculty to prepare a memorial resolution for Carolyn P. Boyd, Associate Professor, Department of History, has filed with the Secretary of the General Faculty the following report.



Alan W. Friedman, Secretary
General Faculty and Faculty Council
The University of Texas at Austin
Arthur J. Thaman and Wilhelmina Doré Thaman Professor of English and Comparative Literature

**IN MEMORIAM
CAROLYN P. BOYD**

Carolyn P. Boyd, a Professor of History at The University of Texas at Austin and a distinguished historian of modern Spain, died at her home in Irvine, California on July 19, 2015. Having received her B.A. from Stanford University and her doctorate from the University of Washington, Boyd joined the Department of History at The University of Texas at Austin in 1973 and rose through the ranks to become Professor in 1995. She served as Graduate Advisor of the Department of History (1978-80); Associate Dean of Graduate Studies (1986-88 and 1990-92); and Chair of the Department of History (1994-99). In 1999, she joined the faculty of the University of California at Irvine, where she became Chair of the Department of History and Dean of Graduate Studies before her retirement in 2010.

Boyd had a distinguished career as an undergraduate and graduate teacher, a mentor of young historians, an accomplished administrator, and a scholar of international renown. She brought to her research and writing a profoundly sympathetic appreciation of Spanish culture, combined with a firm rejection of mythmaking, whether it originated on the right or the left of the political spectrum. The modern history of Spain, Boyd believed, was distinctive but not deviant, and her scholarship was central to an emerging consensus that would situate developments in the Iberian Peninsula within the broader contexts of European and Western history. In her research and writing, Boyd set about to rethink many of the central problems of modern Spanish history, notably the role of the military in politics and the reasons for the troubled trajectory of Spain's formation as a nation. Her first book, *Praetorian Politics in Liberal Spain*, published in 1979, demolished the long-held notion that it was endemic and institutionally irreconcilable antagonisms between civilian politicians and meddling officers that destabilized parliamentary government and ultimately led to the Civil War. Instead, she demonstrated that the governing political parties of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries themselves "created the praetorian army that later destroyed them."

In her second book, *Historia Patria: Politics, History, and National Identity in Spain, 1875-1975* (1997), Professor Boyd explored the study and teaching of history in modern Spain, placing these enterprises in their social and political context. She argued persuasively that the failure of Spaniards to reach consensus on the facts and meaning of the country's past both reflected and helped to perpetuate weak political institutions and persistently strong regional identities, especially among the Catalans and Basques, thus hindering the development of an overarching national identity.

More recently, Boyd was chosen as one of only two North American contributors to the multi-volume history of Spain (*Historia de España*), published in Madrid in 2013. She served as co-author for the twelfth and final volume in the series, which described and analyzed "histories of Spain: visions of the past and the construction of identity" (*Las historias de España: Visiones del pasado y construcción de identidad*), a volume that was largely inspired by her own seminal book, *Historia Patria*.

Carolyn's colleagues in the Department of History remember her for her interest in their work, her talent at mediating disputes, her high academic standards, and her insistence on doing things the right way. She recognized that leadership meant understanding colleagues as fallible human beings. We enjoyed her for her sense of humor; we respected her for her fairmindedness; and because of her sensitivity and compassion, we were always conscious of the good fortune that had brought her into our midst.

Carolyn is survived by her husband, Frank D. Bean, of Irvine, California, formerly Chair of the Department of Sociology at UT Austin, her sons Peter J. Bean and Michael F. Bean, of Austin and New York City respectively, and her step-children Alan M. Bean and Deborah Copas, of Austin.

This memorial resolution was prepared by a special committee consisting of Professors Brian P. Levack (chair), Standish Meacham, Jr., and G. Howard Miller.

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