We regret the passing of James Levine, retired Dean of Graduate Studies and Research and Professor Emeritus in the Department of Political Science at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, the City University of New York on Monday, August 30, 2021.

Professor Levine retired in 2011 after serving as Dean of Graduate Studies and Research for 17 years. Prior to coming to John Jay Professor Levine served on the faculties of Michigan State University, the University of Oregon, and Brooklyn College of the City University of New York.


Professor Levine received his doctorate in political science from Northwestern University, winning the Edward S. Corwin Award given by the American Political Science Association for the best dissertation in the field of public law completed in 1968.

He was an avid biker, baseball fan, and loved classical music. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Della; his daughter, Amy and two sons, Steven and Eric; and his granddaughter Nyah. He leaves behind countless friends, colleagues, and former students whose lives he touched in ways large and small. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in his honor to the Osborne Association.
His passing is painful and has deeply affected our community. We have lost an outstanding individual who contributed so much to John Jay, to his students, and colleagues. During this difficult time, we send our thoughts and heartfelt condolences to Professor James Levine’s family and friends on their loss.