idea that the quality of work and sound principles could and should determine outcomes, and her approach to committee meetings was simple: "She Who Reads, Wins." Kimuli also did the invisible work on which any good department depends. She attended practice job talks for students with interests far from hers, gave students career and life advice, and was the colleague who always read the paper *before* the seminar.

She was also a key figure in efforts to diversify the department. As a Black woman, Kimuli was both sensitive to the difference that timely mentoring and support could make for students from underrepresented groups, and attuned to the dangers of creating the impression that these scholars had not earned their place by their own merit. With this thoughtfulness, she helped to institutionalize support for graduate students from underrepresented groups and represented the department many times at the Ralph Bunche Summer Institute. Her service extended beyond the department where she was Board Member at the *American Journal of Political Science*, the *American Political Science Review* and the Working Group on African Political Economy.

Kimuli read widely and enjoyed discussing big ideas in history, politics and literature. She tried to read the Booker Prize finalists each year, was partial to any story involving scam artists, cheaters, and political chicanery, and eagerly awaited Robert Caro's fifth volume on LBJ. A gifted storyteller, she loved nothing more than a good joke and a good laugh. And what a laugh it was; honest, quick, occasionally booming, and always irrepressible. A visit with Kimuli frequently ended with a funny anecdote or her signature eye roll that let us see her bemusement with the world.

She loved her friends and they loved her. During her illness, they traveled from as far as Fiji and Europe to spend time with her. And they came in droves. She had so many visitors that a nurse asked whether she was a politician.

Kimuli will be remembered for her scholarly contributions, high standards, and great integrity, but also for her quiet kindnesses, sharp wit, and infectious smile. She was a great friend and confidante who made each day brighter. We will miss her terribly.

—Timothy Frye, Columbia University, and Nahomi Ichino, Emory University

Edward A. Kolodziej

Edward A. Kolodziej passed away bravely and peacefully at his home on January 15, 2026, after a month in hospice following a cancer diagnosis. He was 91. Ed touched many people across continents and decades of teaching and research during a 60+ year distinguished career in political science. An expert in arms control, international relations, and global studies, he published more than 140 articles and 20 books and monographs, his last in 2022 at the age of 88. He was an active member of the American Political Science Association, International Political Science Association, International Studies Association, International Institute for Strategic Studies, and the New York Council on Foreign Relations.

Edward Albert Kolodziej was born on January 4, 1935, in Chicago, Illinois. He received a full scholarship to Loyola University of Chicago, majoring in political science and minoring in economics. He subsequently received an assistantship from the University of Chicago, earning a master's degree in political science in 1957 and his doctorate in 1961. In between, he served in the Illinois Air National Guard, 1957-61.

He was employed as an Analyst in National Security by the Congressional Research Service of the Library of Congress from 1960-62 before entering academia. In 1962, he was appointed assistant professor in the Department of Government at the University of Virginia, and achieved the rank of associate professor, with tenure, in 1967, where he also served for two years as the chair of the Department of Government and Foreign Affairs (1967-69). He remained on the Virginia faculty until 1973.

In 1973 Dr. Kolodziej accepted the post of professor of political science at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and as head of the Department of Political Science, serving as head from 1973-77. In 1983, he assumed the post of research professor in political science. He was twice granted leave and appointed as an associate of the Center for Advanced Study at the University of Illinois. He assumed emeritus status in 2000, but continued his professional activities until his death. He was also active in university governance throughout his career, and in civic and community affairs throughout his life.

Dr. Kolodziej received many grants and awards, including from the Ford, Rockefeller, and MacArthur Foundations, the National Science Foundation, the National Endowment for the Humanities, NATO, Smithsonian's Woodrow Wilson Center, Fulbright, US Institute of Peace, IREX, Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD), the Social Science Research Council, and the US Department of Education (Title V).

He published or edited 20 books and monographs on security, foreign policy, international relations and globalization theory, and global politics and governance, including the sole-authored *The Uncommon Defense and Congress:1945-63* (Ohio State, 1966); *French International Policy under De Gaulle and Pompidou: The Politics of Grandeur* (Cornell, 1974), submitted by the press for a Pulitzer prize in history; *Making and Marketing Arms: The French Experience and Its Implications for the International System* (Princeton, 1987), cited by *Choice* as one of the major contributions to political science in 1987; *Security and International Relations* (Cambridge University Press, 2005); *Governing Globalization: Challenges for Democracy and Global Society* (Rowman/Littlefield, 2016); and *Global Governance: Evaluating the Liberal Democratic, Chinese, and Russian Solutions* (Routledge, 2022). He contributed to more than 140 articles and book chapters to peer-reviewed professional journals and edited volumes. He also served on the editorial boards of several professional journals.

Dr. Kolodziej founded and served as director of the Center for Global Studies (CGS) at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign from 2000-2016. Through his leadership, CGS was successful in five national competitions of major research universities from 2000-2014 for funding and designation as a National Resource Center in Global Studies by the US Department of Education. He attracted more than seven million dollars in private and public funding to support the research, teaching,

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and outreach of the University of Illinois, notably in security and global studies. Additionally, he was co-founder of the Program in Arms Control, Disarmament, and International Security at the University of Illinois and served as Director on two occasions (1983-86, 2010-16). He was also instrumental with colleagues in creating the university's European Union Center.

He lectured (in English and French) at universities, research centers, and governmental agencies in over 40 countries on all continents, notably in French-speaking Africa under the auspices of the US Department of State. He was also a fellow in global governance at La Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia (1999) and a visiting professor of political economy at Senshu University in Tokyo (2001). He lectured in China at Renmin, Beijing, and Fudan Universities (2006) and Nanyang University in Singapore (2007). He was appointed visiting professor of international security at Aoyama Gakuin University (Tokyo) in September 2007 and visiting professor of European-US relations at Hebrew University (Jerusalem) in October-November 2007.

Teaching was always a high priority for Dr. Kolodziej, to which several generations of his students will attest. He received the University of Illinois Political Science Department's Pi Sigma Alpha Award for excellence in undergraduate teaching, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Outstanding Teaching Award, and the all-campus Burlington Northern Foundation Faculty Achievement Award for teaching and scholarship. For several years he taught the introductory graduate course in international relations theory, and he shepherded many dissertations through to completion. He was especially proud of the students he mentored who went on to distinguished careers at other universities.

Ed loved jogging and tennis (played with more zeal than skill). He read avidly and widely, travelled, visited art museums around the world, and actively attended plays and artistic performances. He also enjoyed gardening and landscaping, capped by becoming a master gardener.

Ed's devotion to his family defined and directed his personal and professional lives. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 63 years, Antje Heberle Tonnies Kolodziej, his parents, Albert and Anna Chudzik Kolodziej, his oldest son, Peter Alexander, loving sister, Evelyn Wegrzyn, and a cherished friend and mentor, Alba Biagini.

Surviving are his three sons, their wives, and nine grandchildren: Andrew and Jeanette Jacobson Kolodziej, Winchester, MA (Zachary, Aiden); Matthew Kolodziej and Dana Richardson-ex/Rachel Beamer, Akron OH (Alexander, Charles, Peter); Daniel and Shanon Trygstad Kolodziej, Los Angeles CA (Alexandra, Katarina), and his son Peter's children Colin Kolodziej. Cincinnati, OH and Quinn Kolodziej, Champaign, IL.

—Jeanie Bukowski, Bradley University, and Paul F. Diehl, Independent Scholar

Robert M. Stein

Robert M. Stein, the Lena Gohlman Fox Professor of Political Science at Rice University, passed away on July 18, 2025, after a brief battle with cancer. He was 75 years old. A faculty member at Rice University for 46 years, Bob remained actively engaged in research, teaching, and public service through his final semester, retiring on June 30, 2025, just weeks before his death.

Bob's scholarship and engaging personality had a significant impact across our profession. Bob's unlimited curiosity and hard work led to a diverse and impressive academic record. This "In Memoriam" attempts to highlight a few areas that stand out among his most significant contributions, as well as his countless contributions to his students, Rice, and the community. It is a big task.

Bob was an accomplished and prolific scholar, publishing close to 100 journal articles, book chapters, and three books over his distinguished career. As a testament to his collaborative nature, he published research with over 40 different scholars across multiple subfields of political science—from voting behavior and election administration to urban politics, federalism and intergovernmental relations, emergency preparedness, and public service delivery. His work consistently bridged the academic and applied worlds, with research that informed policy and practice while advancing theoretical understanding.

Bob was at the forefront of studying how the mechanics of voting—where, when, and how people cast their ballots—shapes democratic participation. His research on early voting, vote centers, and vote-by-mail challenged conventional wisdom and provided empirical evidence that informed election policy across the country. In 2006, Bob was part of the bipartisan Carter-Baker Commission on Elections. The commission report "Building Confidence in US Elections" stressed the important role of elections in the nation's democracy and made a series of recommendations that inform how we vote today. His 2008 article in the *Journal of Politics* with Greg Vonnahme, "Engaging the Unengaged Voter: Vote Centers and Voter Turnout," demonstrated that Election Day vote centers could increase participation, particularly among less engaged voters. This line of research, funded by The Pew Charitable Trusts and the National Science Foundation, had immediate practical impact, with jurisdictions across the country adopting vote center models based on his findings.

Bob's work on convenience voting methods revealed important insights about voter behavior. In a series of articles with co-authors, he documented that voters often chose less convenient methods of voting than those available to them—an "anomaly" that challenged assumptions about how people make decisions about participation. His research consistently demonstrated that election administration matters, and that seemingly technical decisions about polling places, ballot design, and voting technology have profound implications for democratic equality.

Beyond election administration, Bob made foundational contributions to the study of federalism and intergovernmental relations. His book with Kenneth Bickers, *Perpetuating the Pork Barrel: Policy Subsystems and American Democracy* (Cambridge University Press, 1995), provided a sophisticated analysis of how federal grant programs create and sustain political coalitions. The book earned the special book award from the Urban Politics and Policy Section of the American Political Science Association.

His first book, *Urban Alternatives: Public and Private Mar-*

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