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In Memoriam David Hugh Porter (1935-2016)

David Hugh Porter died in Saratoga Springs, NY, on the morning of March 26, 2016, at the age of 80. At the time of his death, he was President and Professor of Classics Emeritus of Skidmore College, where he spent nearly 20 years of his career as a leader, educator, man of letters, and musician. Scholar of Horace and Greek tragedy, and Virginia Woolf and Willa Cather; classical pianist devoted to, among others, Charles Ives, John Cage, and George Crumb; faculty member at Carleton, Skidmore, and Williams Colleges, and Indiana University; holder of three endowed chairs and one distinguished professorship; and recipient of two honorary degrees, David’s impact on multiple academic disciplines reflects his lifelong commitment to pursue and promote humanistic inquiry.

In David Porter’s honor, a panel of colleagues, friends, and family will pay tribute to this long-standing member of CAAS and the APA (now SCS). Panelists will comment on David’s scholarship; his passions for music, baseball, and puns; and his devotion to and impact on generations of students. The panel will include readings of encomia from colleagues who are unable to attend the annual CAAS meeting.