IN MEMORIAM

GUY J. MANASTER

Guy Manaster died on October 15, 2019, after struggling with Parkinson’s disease and Lewy body dementia for several years. Guy was a graduate of Columbia University and received a doctorate in 1969 from the Committee on Human Development at the University of Chicago. That same year Guy came to the University of Texas at Austin. He held the Charles H. Spence Sr. Centennial Professorship in Education in the Department of Educational Psychology, where he was a deeply valued and esteemed colleague. Guy served as Chair of the Department of Educational Psychology, where he provided critical leadership, insight, and support to the department’s faculty, students, and staff. In addition to serving as Department Chair, Guy also served as the department’s Graduate Advisor and as the Director of the Counseling Psychology Doctoral Training Program within the department. Upon his retirement he was honored with the title of Emeritus Professor. Guy valued the role of mentor as much as he valued the role of teacher, and he formed lifelong relationships with colleagues and staff as well as with many former students.

Guy’s style of leadership was to be direct as well as supportive, and over the course of his career at The University of Texas, Guy left his mark on the department in many ways. He was adroit at helping the department navigate the inevitable political winds of academia, budgetary challenges, and the occasional hiring freeze. He was also passionate about fostering interdisciplinary work in the department long before it became fashionable to do so.

An international leader in Adlerian psychology, Guy held a certificate in psychotherapy from the Adler Institute of Chicago and served as the President of the North American Society of
Adlerian Psychology as well as President of the International Association of Individual Psychology. His stature within the Adlerian world was reflected in the fact that he served as the editor of the *Journal of Individual Psychology*, the field’s flagship journal, for nineteen years. Especially interested in adolescence, he maintained a private therapy practice that specialized in working with adolescents as well as others in need.

Guy was prolific in his writing, publishing numerous books and journal articles, and contributing book chapters in the areas of developmental and social psychology as well as cross-national studies. He loved to explore topics in ways that went beyond conventional treatments, and he was prone to novel turns in what others treated more conventionally. He also had a knack for the whimsical in his scholarly work as well as in his day-to-day interactions.

Beyond his scholarship and his leadership roles within the academic world, Guy’s skill as a raconteur and wordsmith were legendary. He was also passionate about music and had a marvelous bass-baritone voice. He was known to break into operatic singing when least expected. From high school choirs to college performances to being a valued member of the Austin Gilbert and Sullivan Society and, after retirement, the Dallas Jewish Community Council chorus, music played a vital role throughout Guy’s life; it was a gift he shared with many.
This memorial resolution was prepared by a special committee consisting of Professors Ricardo Ainslie (Chair), Lawrence Brownstein, and Toni Falbo.