

Dr. Harold Barrett, Professor, Speech and Communications, passed away, June 2023

Harold Barrett, Professor Emeritus, Speech Communication, passed away on June 15, 2023. He joined the University in 1963. He became emeritus in 1992. Dr. Barrett has BA and MA degrees from University of the Pacific (1949, 1952) and a Ph.D. from the University of Oregon (1962). He taught for 29 years at CSUEB building curriculum, teaching an array of lower-division and graduate classes in rhetoric and communication, and founding the nationally recognized Conference in Rhetorical Criticism. In 1982, he was given the Outstanding Professor Award. In the 80s, he began to center his research on the give-and-take of ordinary communication-plain rhetorical interaction--with particular focus on narcissism, both the useful and the problematic.