

***In Memoriam: JONATHAN ADLER***  
1949 – 2012

It is with great sadness that the Editors of *Informal Logic* inform our readers that Jonathan Adler has died, on March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012, after a long illness.

Jonathan graduated from Brooklyn College in 1970; he received a Ph.D. from Brandeis University in 1974 and a D.Phil. from Oxford in 1978.

Over the three decades since then he established himself as a prominent and innovative thinker in contemporary epistemology. He authored nearly 70 articles covering a wide range of epistemological topics, including skepticism, induction, testimony, the argument from ignorance and fanatical reasoning; he also wrote on philosophy of language, ethics and the philosophy of education. His monograph, *Belief's Own Ethics* (MIT 2002), is a defense of a strong version of evidentialism, the view that one's beliefs should be proportionate to the evidence. He co-edited (with Catherine Z. Elgin) an introductory anthology in philosophy, *Philosophical Inquiry: Classic and Contemporary Readings* (Hackett 2007) and (with Lance Rips) the authoritative anthology on cognitive philosophy and psychology, *Reasoning: Studies of Human Inference and Its Foundations* (Cambridge 2008).

During his distinguished career he won important teaching and research awards, including a Wolfe Institute Fellowship at Brooklyn College and two fellowships from the National Endowment for the Humanities (1991–1992 and 2008–2009).

Jonathan supported informal logic from the very beginning, and was an active contributor to this journal. He was our first Book Review Editor, from 1992 to 2001 and he published five articles in *Informal Logic*: “Why Be Charitable?” Vol. 4, No. 2 (1981); “Where are the Limits to Reconstruction?” Vol. 7, No. 1 (1985); “Alternatives, Writing, and the Formulation of a Thesis” Vol. 9, No. 2 (1987); “Critical Thinking, A Deflated Defense: A Critical Study of John E. McPeck's *Teaching Critical Thinking: Dialogue and Dialectic*” Vol. 13, No. 2 (1991); “Belief and Negation” Vol. 20, No. 3 (2000). He also served as president of the Association for Informal Logic and Critical Thinking (AILACT) from 1992 to 1995.

Jonathan was a wonderful colleague and a thoroughly engaging person. We at *Informal Logic* join the many, many colleagues and friends who mourn his untimely death and will miss his always constructive and upbeat presence in our lives.

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