

Colleague Tributes to JQ...

As some of you have heard, JQ died this weekend. We were all hoping to see him again, but these past few weeks have been so challenging. JQ fought hard to stay in the game, and his work meant so much to him. He has truly shaped the character of our library, and we have much to thank him for. I will miss him terribly, as I am sure many of you will. As I have more news to share I will send it in.

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Dear Colleagues:

I am very sad to report that JQ Johnson (Frye '08, instructor '09) passed away on Saturday, July 7, 2012. He leaves a deep legacy of accomplishment here at the UO and in the many communities where he served, including EDUCAUSE, SPARC, ARL, CNI, and beyond. He will be greatly missed.

Andrew B.

My condolences to you and all in the library that worked so closely with JQ. He was a very good man, very committed to his work. He did shape instructional technology on this campus. We will all miss him.

*Cathleen Leue, Associate Professor
Director, CASIT, University of Oregon*

Just learned of JQ's death. I'm so sad. He was a sweet, funny, brilliant man and he treated everyone well. I learned a lot from him.

*Carol Hixson, M.S.
Dean of Library
University of South Florida St. Petersburg*

Andrew, I am genuinely sorry to hear this news, I share the warm, fond feelings that the community has for JQ, knew he had struggled for some time, heroically, and will keep him in my prayers. I was so glad to see him at the talk last month, only sorry I did not have a chance to say hello personally ... or good-bye, because even as I saw him in the audience, I was thinking along these lines.

*Always,
Tracy Mitrano
Cornell University*

JQ was a wonderful colleague to me during my years at UO, inspiring me with his knowledge, expertise, calm demeanor, clear vision, wonderful sense of humor and generous spirit. He continued to be a friend and an inspiration to me after I left UO. He will be deeply missed by so many people whose lives he touched.

Vaya con Dios, JQ.

*Carol Hixson, M.S.
Dean of Library
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I'm really sorry to hear this. In every interaction I've had with JQ – he was incredibly knowledgeable and easy to work with.

*Terry Reese
Oregon State University*

I am sorry to hear this. It almost seems as though I just received an email from him. I know that the UO team will feel his absence. Thinking of you and the folks there and will keep JQ's family in my prayers.

*Best,
Sharon Pitt
George Mason University*

JQ was a true gem of a person, and wise copyright colleague. He hosted a visit I made to the U of Oregon some years ago, and he was always there to make the trip a delight. He and I, with his family, then spent a weekend day exploring the Oregon coast. I learned a lot about lighthouses from him! His wonderful family was also surrounded by cages of various animals about the house--maybe not so many as the years have gone by. My memories of JQ are all wonderful, and our love and prayers are with his family.

*Kenneth D. Crews, J.D., Ph.D.
Director, Copyright Advisory Office
Columbia University Libraries*

Forgive this off topic post, but because he was an active and thoughtful contributor to this listserv, I wanted to pass on that JQ Johnson from the University of Oregon passed away on July 7 after a long illness. JQ was a classmate of mine at the Frye Leadership Institute and the qualities that he exhibited here - thoughtful commentary and an active curiosity - was even more present in person. He will be missed.

*Sarah L. Shreeves
IDEALS Coordinator – University of Illinois*

Thank you, Sarah - I am sorry to hear this. I enjoyed my conversations, both online and in person, with JQ. He indeed contributed a great deal to our field!

*Hillary Corbett
Scholarly Communication Librarian
Northeastern University*

JQ was a wonderful person and a thoughtful, articulate and passionate advocate for Open Access. He was a delight to work with and to simply be around. We will miss him greatly.

Heather Joseph, SPARC

I am very, very sorry to hear this. I only met him recently when I was on the UO campus, but he seemed very accomplished and a genuinely decent person.

Melissa Woo

Dear SPARC community,

Thank you for thoughts regarding JQ. He was an exceptional colleague, and he fought hard to stay in the game. JQ actually started his career as one of the co-directors of campus IT, in charge of network services. He came to the library in the mid-1990's, and I can attest without any exaggeration that he changed the character of our organization. While he was always deeply connected to technology (or perhaps BECAUSE he was so deeply connected to technology), he became passionate about copyright, authors rights, and open access. His work meant a great deal to him. We will all miss him greatly.

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