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Resolution in Memoriam
Justin Joffe
Professor Emeritus of Psychology
1938-2021

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The UVM Department of Psychological Science is saddened to announce that our beloved and respected colleague and friend, Dr. Justin Joffe, Emeritus Professor of Psychology, passed away on August 25, 2021.

Justin was born on October 29, 1938 and raised and educated in Johannesburg, South Africa. He earned his B.A. in 1959 and his M.A. in 1962, both from the University of Witwatersrand. He earned his PhD in 1965 from the University of London, England. After earning his PhD, Justin was a Lecturer at Birmingham University, England, and then a postdoctoral research fellow in the Department of Psychiatry at the Stanford University School of Medicine. Justin joined the UVM Psychology faculty in 1969 as an Assistant Professor and rose to full Professor in 1974. He was a Fellow of the British Psychological Society, a visiting research scientist at the Institute of Biology at the University of Zagreb, Yugoslavia, and a Fulbright Research Scholar at the National Institute of Hygiene, Budapest, Hungary. His publications include a book on prenatal determinants of behavior as well as serving as an editor for books on primary prevention.

During his 40-year career at UVM, Justin served as Faculty Senate President, 2005-2007, and on the executive council of United Academics during its first years. Justin served as chair of the Department of Psychology, 1992-2000. He was vice president and treasurer, and then executive vice president, of the Vermont Conference on the Primary Prevention of Psychopathology, 1974-2008. Finally, he oversaw the reinvention of the Psychology Department's Introduction to Psychology course. Justin retired in 2009.

Justin will be missed by, among others, his devoted partner Margi and his four children (Emily, Natasha, Chantal, and Jasper) and his eight grandchildren. His indefatigable lust for life and care for his extended family and friends leave a huge hole in many people's lives. He loved cricket, pubs, poetry, politics, running, meticulous record-keeping, and a good deal. He disliked outdated authority and prejudiced thinking. Having gone from South Africa, to England, to Vermont and back again to London, he found a home in a few places, including UVM.