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Resolution in Memoriam

Roberta Pfeufer Kahn
Associate Professor Emerita of Sociology
1941-2022

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The Department of Sociology mourns the loss of our colleague, Associate Professor Emerita, Robbie Pfeufer Kahn on August 3rd, 2022. Professor Kahn was born and raised in New York City. She graduated from Brandeis University in 1963 with a bachelor's degree in English and American Literature, and completed her PhD in Sociology at Brandeis in 1988. Early in her career, Professor Kahn was a member of the Boston Women's Health Book Collective and contributor to the seminal book *Our Bodies Ourselves* on women's health.

Professor Kahn was a Professor of Sociology at UVM from 1990 to 2009 where she taught courses in Women's Studies, Feminist Perspectives on the Western Canon, the Sociology of Health and Medicine, and the Sociology of Reproduction, among many others. She was the author of *Bearing Meaning: The Language of Birth* (University of Illinois Press, 1995), winner of the 1997 Jesse Bernard Award of the American Sociological Association, and *Milk Teeth: A Memoir of a Woman and her Dog* (Rutgers University Press, 2008). In 2006, she won the Innovative Course Award from the Humane Society of the United States and the Center for Life and Environment.

She was a beloved colleague, valued mentor to junior faculty, devoted animal and nature lover, and good friend. She will be missed.