

*In Remembrance of*  
**Victoria "Vicky" Davion**  
**1967-2017**  
**December 8, 2017,**  
**UGA Founders Memorial Garden**



*Victoria "Vicky" Davion passed away peacefully in her sleep surrounded by loved ones on Sunday, November 5, 2017. Vicky joined the University of Georgia Department of Philosophy in 1990 where was the first woman to attain the rank of full professor. She was appointed department head in 2005, also the first woman to achieve this position, which she held until falling ill this year. A native of New York City, she earned her doctorate from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, specializing in feminist and environmental ethics.*

*Vicky was founder and editor of the journal, Ethics & the Environment, and a celebrated scholar of ecofeminism and environmental ethics. Her tireless selflessness and enthusiastic spirit, made her an inspiring mentor and friend to many. Through her passion for travel, she touched the lives of countless friends around the globe. She will be sorely missed, but her work and her spirit will be carried forward by those she nurtured. She is survived by her dogs, Quinn and Maggie; her brother, John C. Antush, his wife, Betty Yu; and many loving friends, colleagues, and former students.*

***Please enjoy refreshments,  
a program of speakers begins at 12:30:***

**Beth Preston**

*UGA Department of Philosophy, interim head*

**John Antush**

*Vicky's brother*

**Frank Harrison**

*Department of Philosophy, professor emeritus*

**Melissa Link**

*Ethics & the Environment, managing editor*

**Piers Stephens**

*Ethics & the Environment, interim editor*

**Cecilia Herles**

*UGA Institute for Women's Studies, assistant director*

***Anyone who would like to share memories of Vicky's life  
and work is invited to step forward to briefly speak.***

**Memories of Vicky from colleagues:**

*Vicky's contribution to philosophy, to the University and the profession, was immense. A pioneer of ecofeminism, she inspired innumerable young scholars, headed and largely built a uniquely distinctive and pluralist philosophy department, and founded "Ethics and the Environment," one of the very top journals in the field. But I remember her more personally for her tireless support in helping me through the tenure process; for the conversations we had about our shared loves of ecophilosophy and of dogs; and more broadly for her kindness, her fair-mindedness, her tireless support for those who needed help, and for the sense of humor that was never far beneath the surface of her determined surface persona.*

**Piers Stephens**

*UGA Department of Philosophy, Professor & Graduate Coordinator,  
Ethics & the Environment, Interim Editor*

*Professor Davion much enriched the intellectual community of the University of Georgia through her vision and service. She had many deep connections to the Willson Center for Humanities and Arts, including as a valued member of the Faculty Advisory Board, and as editor of Ethics and the Environment, with which the Center has a long and proud association. The life of the mind requires an enduring commitment to scholarship, to self-reflection and to mutual respect for diverse perspectives. Professor Davion embodied these virtues in her work and we will all miss her presence on campus.*

**Nicholas Allen**

*Willson Center for the Humanities & Arts, Director*

*Vicky Davion created and maintained a welcoming academic home for feminist and environmental philosophy against all odds. We have lost a generous and joyous friend, who tackled difficult problems in her work, including a still prescient dissertation on deterrence to violence, but whose smile always shone through. Her irreplaceable spirit will continue to inspire all who had the good fortune to know her and to be sheltered by her caring disposition and loyal love.*

**Chris J. Cuomo**

*UGA Department of Philosophy &  
Institute for Women's Studies, Professor*

*(Vicky's friend since they first met in graduate school at the University of Wisconsin, Madison in 1986 and her colleague at UGA since 2006.)*

*When I came to UGA in 1995 as a grad student in Philosophy, I was immediately drawn to Vicky Davion and her work. I took a class she co-taught with Pat Del Rey on Women and Nature. This experience forever changed me. Vicky was my major professor and I worked as her TA for her Intro to Ethics class and the journal, Ethics and the Environment. Witty, brilliant, compassionate, and sassy, Vicky never gave up on me and she urged me to be a better philosopher. My heart aches at the loss of my feminist mentor and academic mother.*

**Cecilia Herles**

*UGA Institute for Women's Studies, Assistant Director*

*Victoria Davion was on the cutting edge of environmental ethics for decades. I particularly appreciated her work keeping Ethics & the Environment ongoing in some unsettled times. I also appreciated her evaluation of what I have written in "Caring for Nature: An Ecofeminist's View of Rolston on Eating, Hunting, and Genetics" in the Preston and Ouderkirk Festschrift on my work. Quite insightful. As she leaves us and facing the great beyond, I recall the classical committal: "O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in Thy mercy grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last. Amen."*

**Holmes Rolston, III**

*Colorado State University, Emeritus Professor  
Ethics & the Environment, Founding Editorial Board member  
International Society for Environmental Ethics, Founder*