

<http://www2.ocadu.ca/news/9283/ocad-university-mourns-the-loss-of-associate-professor-wendy-coburn-inspiring-artist-compassionate>

Comments

Wendy Coburn

Submitted by Andrew James Pa... on June 19, 2015 - 12:05pm

Wendy Coburn was a rare combination of compassionate and analytical. She was an activist with a wicked sense of constructive humour. She will be missed as she has passed far too early.

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Submitted by Charlotte Lung on June 19, 2015 - 12:52pm

This came to me as a shock! I admired her as an artist, and a professor. She taught me in second year and gave a lot of advice that really helped guide me. Even when I didn't have classes with her, I managed to see her around the school and catch up with the work that I am producing. She will be greatly missed -- Rest in peace.

She is missed

Submitted by Brent Everett James on June 19, 2015 - 1:09pm

Decidedly a veil of mourning over the OCAD U campus this week as we learned of the sudden passing of a dear colleague over the weekend. I was not the only one who had to stop and catch my breath after reading the news.

Professor Wendy Coburn was one of the first people I met when I came to work at Ontario College of Art & Design in 1997. Over the years, she always went out of her way to stop and say hello and ask how I was doing--with a smile and sparkling wink.

When I moved over into the new Campus Life department in 2006, and as the OCAD campus grew, we would run into each other less and less, but when we did, she never ceased to amaze me with the knowledge, inquiries, acknowledgement and incredible support of the programming we were working to create. In my experience, Wendy WAS the the epitome of charm and respect. She is missed.

Brent Everett James, Campus Life Coordinator

What we can take away from the best of a bitter truth

Submitted by Michele White on June 19, 2015 - 3:04pm

Referencing the thoughtful and caring tribute above:

"Wendy cared deeply about people. She realized that people were OCAD U's greatest resource as well as its legacy." May we all strive to achieve this and be remembered in this way. What greater legacy?

May we all be led by Wendy's wisdom and beauty and this guiding principal.

I have shared with some of you words from the poet Adrienne Rich I'd also like to post here. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z4lFSddTaj8>

Poetry can provide wisdom and solace. Wendy loved words. And we loved Wendy and her words. Her art and her heart.

She will be missed

Submitted by Sarah Mulholland on June 19, 2015 - 3:46pm

I was so shocked and saddened to hear of Wendy's passing. She is a treasure to the OCAD community and she will be deeply missed. My heart goes out to all those she impacted with her compassion and commitment. There is another star in the night sky.

I can't believe it

Submitted by Christina Halliday on June 19, 2015 - 4:36pm

I'm so sorry this has happened. What a wonderful, inspiring, strong woman. I feel grateful to have met and worked with her. Christina

Wendy's spirit lives on in so many of us.

Submitted by Laretta Webb on June 19, 2015 - 5:21pm

As a womyn going back to school in my 50's it was such a challenge to fit in and not feel it was late in my life to do something with art. Wendy took the time to help me see what OCAD U was about as far as no age lines, that many artists came later to learn from OCAD U..etc. I loved her energy, very inclusive, inviting and empowering. Wow, I am sorry to hear that she is no longer here physically, but by these posts, her spirit will live on as those she touched will pass on a bit of her teaching, her fierceness in her art to be honest, and her positive energy

She was unforgettable

Submitted by Lori Clermont on June 19, 2015 - 5:47pm

She was so kind.

Gone Too Soon

Submitted by Pam Carriere on June 19, 2015 - 11:39pm

Wendy was my Form and Structure professor in first year. My scariest year (besides thesis) She always pushed all of her students to make work that meant something, and taught always with a smile. Seeing her around the school and having her always smile and to see her say hello to almost everyone she saw, was such a powerful and positive experience.

Gone too soon.

Rest in Peace Wendy.
You will be greatly missed.

-Pam Carriere-

There are those of us who did

Submitted by Lois Andison on June 21, 2015 - 4:12pm

There are those of us who did not know Wendy as well as many others, and who never had to opportunity to teach with her, but are nevertheless inconsolable. She was a true gem.

so sad

Submitted by Francine Périnet on June 21, 2015 - 8:33pm

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Submitted by Annika (Sandy) ... on June 22, 2015 - 7:49am

I am just reading this this morning... and can't find any information on what happened to Wendy. She was definitely too young to leave this world. I am in shock. Annika

Wendy's Funeral location - Visitation - 6:00 & Memorial 7:30 pm

Submitted by Leslie Aston Hurst on June 23, 2015 - 9:53am

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There will be Visitation - 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm and a Memorial - 7:30 pm

Wendy

Submitted by Blake Fitzpatrick on June 23, 2015 - 12:54pm

What a sad shock, to look back to OCAD and not see Wendy there. Always true to her true self, ethically in touch, a more trusted colleague could not be found.

Wendy's dynamism will be missed well beyond Toronto

Submitted by Carol Williams on June 23, 2015 - 1:35pm

Greatly saddened to hear of the loss of Wendy, a dynamic artist, vibrant intellect and activist. Wendy was a visitor here at UofL in Art Now not too long ago, she gave a great talk and her work including video Anatomy of a Protest was shown in the smaller gallery on campus, engaging all those who took time to view her work. She was a great colleague and clearly, an innovator as a mentor and teacher.