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TO THE CAMPUS COMMUNITY

Dear Colleagues:

It is with great sorrow that I write to share with you the regrettable news that our colleague Anthony Brueckner, professor of philosophy, passed away April 7 at home with his family.

Dr. Brueckner joined our campus as a visiting associate professor in 1987 after having taught at Yale University and, briefly, at the University of Arkansas. He was a tireless and admired colleague, and served as chair of our Department of Philosophy for four years.

From the start of his 30-year career, Professor Brueckner was among the world's leading figures in epistemology, focusing in particular on skepticism. He made influential contributions to a number of areas within the field of philosophy, including philosophy of language, philosophy of mind, and metaphysics.

Professor Brueckner published more than 150 scholarly articles, and a collection of his most important works on skepticism was published recently by Oxford University Press. His work is highly regarded for its clarity, precision, rigor, and critical insight.

Our hearts and thoughts go out to Tony's wife, Leslie, and his two sons, Kurt and Kim, and to the rest of his family and many friends. We take comfort in knowing that his legacy as a world-renowned and highly respected scholar will continue through the influence of his outstanding teaching and scholarship. Tony was an inspiration to our students and colleagues, and he will be deeply missed by our entire UCSB family.

Sincerely,

Henry Yang  
Chancellor