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JACK BARBASH

REMEMBERING HIS LIFE AND WORK



Jack Barbash died on May 21, 1994. This tribute honors his extraordinary contribution to scholarship in the labor field and his devotion to teaching, his colleagues, his friends and his family.

June 20, 1994
5:00 - 6:30 P.M
International Headquarters, AFSCME
Washington, D.C.

Milwaukee Journal Editorial Page, May 27 1994:

"Great teachers have the power to transform young lives. Jack Barbash was one such teacher: a forceful intellect, stirring lecturer and caring mentor who made economics, 'the dismal science,' rambunctiously alive. Barbash, who died the other day at 83, was the John P. Bascom professor emeritus of economics and industrial relations at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. But the prestigious title doesn't begin to describe Barbash's talent for blending real-world insight with rigorous intellectual inquiry. An architect of the 1955 merger that created the AFL-CIO from two long-warring labor factions, he had worked for the National Labor Relations Board and various unions before he went into teaching. His pioneering scholarship on the history of the labor movement was built on firsthand experience. In his booming baritone, he exhorted students to eschew easy answers and ideological rigidity. Even in the polarized Vietnam era, he could view the likes of Karl Marx with dispassionate clarity. Marx may not have had the right answers, Barbash liked to say, but he was asking the right questions: Who owns human capital? What is the proper relationship between the desires of the individual and the needs of the community? What is the nature of progress? Barbash's provocative mind and formidable communications skills weren't the only qualities that endeared him to generations of students. He was warm, irreverent and unfailingly generous with his time. Would that Universities around the country had more like him."

THE MANY CAREERS OF JACK BARBASH

Presiding		Morris Weisz
Brooklyn	Unions and Politics	Hyman Bookbinder
Washington	Early Days	George Brooks
	The Senate	Max Kampelman
	The Labor Movement	Rudy Oswald
Wisconsin:	Teaching Economics	Paula Voos
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	World Labor Issues	Tom Kochan
For The Family		Louis Barbash

The Barbash family thanks the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFL-CIO) for its assistance.

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A memorial meeting honoring the life and work of the late **Jack Barbash**, Bascom Professor of Economics and Industrial Relations at the University of Wisconsin, will be held at 5:00 PM, on Monday, June 20, 1994 at the National Headquarters, AFSCME, 1625 L Street, N.W., Washington, DC.

The Barbash family invites the attendance of friends, former colleagues in the labor movement, the US Government, and alumni of the University of Wisconsin.

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