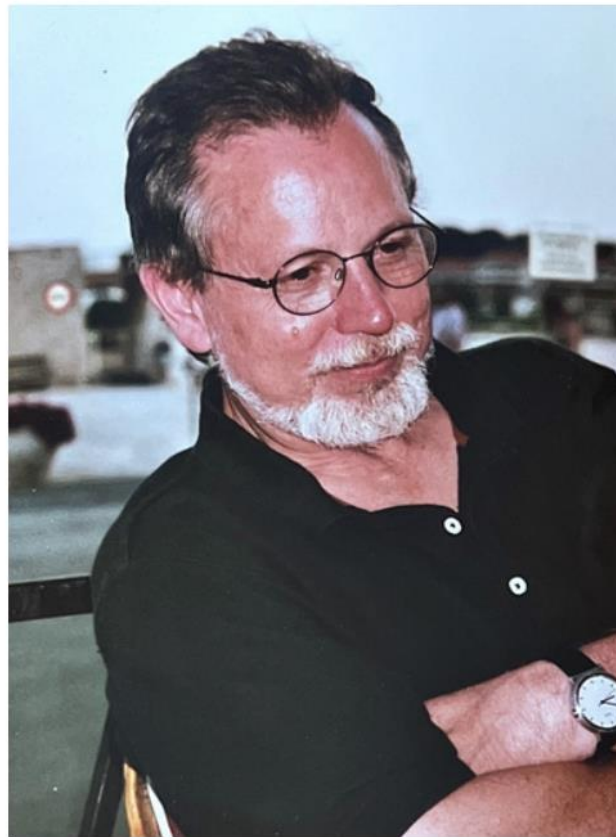


In loving memory of
**Charles “Andy”
Weeks**



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“Man is a microcosm, or a little world, because he
is an extract from all the stars and planets of the
whole firmament, from the earth and the elements;
and so he is their quintessence”
- Paracelsus

It with a heavy heart that we announce that Emeritus Professor of German Dr. Charles Andrew “Andy” Weeks recently passed away peacefully in his home from complications of ALS.

Dr. Weeks was a Professor of German in Illinois State University’s Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures for 27 years (the Department of Foreign Languages when he first arrived as Assistant Professor in 1994). When he retired in 2018, he had published nine books and 35 scholarly articles, and he continued to write, publish, and present on German literature and culture until the very end. Notably, he co-organized a conference in France in 2022 and published two co-edited volumes. He co-authored a monograph released just days after his death, with another book project on the way, which his collaborators Urs Leo Gantenbein and Didier Kahn will be sure to publish posthumously. Not only was Dr. Weeks a prolific scholar of early modern German literature, but he also wrote on all matters he found inspiring, from teaching strategies to politics and including anonymous contributions to various anti-war and social justice efforts over the years.

Dr. Weeks was a devoted professor of German, having taught every level from Beginning German through graduate seminars at ISU, and having held teaching positions at Middlebury College, with study abroad programs in Germany and Austria, a visiting professorship at the Universität Graz in Austria and a Fulbright Teaching and Research Fellowship at the University of Marburg in Germany. Throughout his time at ISU, he could be found in lively discussions with students, colleagues, and friends at Stammtisch—held weekly for years and to this day at Medici—and most recently he was mentoring former student and dear friend Andrew Pfannkuche, who provided companionship, support, and intellectual camaraderie during Andy’s final visits to Paris.

Dr. Weeks’ insatiable curiosity about the world led him to travel around the world, from Mexico City in his youth to an epic train journey through Russia and Siberia and road trips through the American south after he retired. Having fully mastered German, he was also a devoted student of French, Russian, and even dabbled in Esperanto.

Andy Weeks is survived by his wife Veronika Weeks-Strotzka and his children Hannah and Sander, extended family, and many, many friends, colleagues, and students. Please join us for an informal memorial gathering at Medici in Normal on July 13 to remember Andy Weeks and a life well lived. Come any time from 11am-3pm, with formal remarks at 12:30. To help estimate the number of guests, please let Veronika or Hannah know you are coming (numbers on the attached announcement or comment here).

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the [David Parent Scholarship fund for German students](#).