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Department of Political Science

## In Memorium

Alan Zuckerman arrived at Brown University as an Assistant Professor of political science in 1970. He received a B.A. (1966) from Brooklyn College (CUNY), and his M.A. (1968) and Ph.D. (1971) from Princeton University. He served as the Chair of the Department of Political Science from 2002 to 2005.

Alan profoundly shaped political science at Brown. He was the prime mover in restoring our graduate program in the mid 1980s; he had a hand in hiring every active member of the department; and he cared fiercely about our standing both at the university and the discipline.

Professor Zuckerman was the author, coauthor, editor, and co-editor of many books with various university presses and numerous articles in the leading journals of political science, as well as monographs in the United States, Britain, Italy, Germany, Austria, and Israel. He published his first book, *The Politics of Faction: Christian Democratic Rule in Italy* with Yale University Press (1979) and *The Transformation of the Jews*, co-authored with Calvin Goldscheider, with the University of Chicago (1984).

Next, he turned to the subject that would become his most passionate intellectual focus: the analytic principles underlying comparative politics and political science. He explored the possibilities and limits of political studies as a scientific enterprise. His *Doing Political Science* (Westbrook, 1991) laid out his thinking. More recently, Alan convened conferences and edited collections that took up this question –What is political science? Can it be a science? He edited important publications on this question, engaging many of the most significant thinkers in political science. Cambridge University Press is bringing out an all new second edition of essays on this subject, *Comparative Politics: Rationality, Structure, and Culture* in 2009.

Professor Zuckerman's *Partisan Families: the Social Logic of Bounded Partisanship in Germany and Britain* (Cambridge University Press) won the International Society of Political Psychology's Alexander George Award for the best book published in 2007. He wrote the book with two of his graduate students, Jennifer Fitzgerald and Josef Dasovic.

Professor Zuckerman's many honors include serving on the faculty at Tel-Aviv University (Visiting Professor and Fulbright Professor); the University of Pisa (Fulbright Fellow), and the University of Florence (Visiting Professor); visiting professor in the Doctoral Program of the Istituto Italiano diScienza Umane in Florence; research professor, DIW, Berlin; visiting scholar, Center for European Studies, NYU, and Visiting Professor, Center for European Studies, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel, and most recently Lady Davis Visiting Professor at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

He is remembered by his students, especially his graduate students, as one of the most demanding –and exhilarating-- professors they ever encountered. He is remembered by his colleagues as passionate, intellectual, funny, brilliant, demanding, a Yankees fan and always larger-than life. He was our friend, our mentor, our teacher, a scholar, and a constant challenge to always aim higher.

The members of the department grieve for Alan Zuckerman even as we know that he lives on – not simply in our memory but in everything we achieve. In a very real sense, we know that we, as a community, are Alan Zuckerman's legacy.