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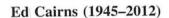
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It is with deep sorrow that we announce the sudden death of Professor Ed Cairns, internationally respected peace psychologist from the University of Ulster, Coleraine. Ed died on the 16<sup>th</sup> of February 2012 following a tragic road accident.

Ed was born in Belfast on September 5, 1945. He completed both his B.A. and Ph.D. at Queens University Belfast, where he also played rugby in his youth. He was a committed family man, married to his wife Ida for over 40 years, with 3 children and 7 grandchildren. He was a

keen gardener, loved the Northern Irish coastline, and fancied himself as a bit of an amateur photographer when out for walks on the beach. Ed and Ida were quintessential hosts; and many peace psychologists from around the globe enjoyed the gracious, warm hospitality of the Cairns' dinner table.

The impact of political violence on his own community motivated Ed's career, which spanned nearly forty years. His work on sectarian attitudes and behavior, both during the height of *the Troubles* and presently in the post-accord period in Northern Ireland, presented a blueprint for understanding the impact in modern times of intense ethnic conflict and reconstruction of communities.

Although recently retired from his teaching position, Ed continued his rich collaborative research with his colleagues at the University of Ulster, the Centre for the Reduction of Intergroup Conflict at Oxford, and the Northern Ireland Project of the Family Studies Center at Notre Dame. Of the latter, Ed recently remarked that this project was a return to his early interests in children of Northern Ireland, and that he felt pleased to have "come full circle" on this important work.

Finally, Ed was a fellow of both the Dritish Psychological Society and the American Psychological Association; and in 2003 was the first international President of APA's Division 48, the Society for the Study of Peace, Conflict, and Violence. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

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### Peace and Conflict Editor, 2013–2016 Call for Nominations

Nominations are being accepted for the next Editor of *Peace and Conflict: Journal of Peace Psychology*. The Editor will start in June 2013. *Peace and Conflict* is the journal for the Society for the Study of Peace, Conflict, and Violence, Division 48 of the American Psychological Association. The journal is a key outlet for scholarly work on peace, violence, and conflict in local, national, and international contexts and is published by the American Psychological Association.

First review of the nominations will begin September 15, 2012. Interested candidates should submit their resume to Search Committee Chair Richard Wagner (<u>rwagner@bates.edu</u>) and a letter indicating previous editorial experience, their interest in the journal, and names of three referees. Questions may be addressed to Dr. Wagner.

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