In Memoriam: Jim Tiles

On the evening of January 13th of this year, a former chair of the Manoa Faculty Senate, Jim Tiles, died while riding a bicycle not far from his home in Winchester, England. The cause of death is not entirely certain. Jim received his D.Phil. at Oxford and taught for fifteen years at the University of Reading, before coming to UH Manoa in 1989. He taught in the Philosophy Department here until his retirement in 2009, and was world renowned as a leading expert in the philosophy of John Dewey. Among his department colleagues, he was highly regarded for the extensive and detailed comments he generously provided on the work of both students and friends who asked him for feedback, as well as for the breadth of his philosophical interests and the wide range of courses he offered us. Among his major publications are the John Dewey volume in the Arguments of the Philosophers series, Moral Measures, Things that Happen, and An Introduction to Historical Epistemology, which he coauthored with his wife, Mary Tiles. Jim was intelligent, forthright, good humored, and a fine teacher. He is survived by his wife, Mary, also a former chair of the Manoa Faculty Senate.