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On June 14, 1998, Luke Baldwin passed away. He was 47 years old. He leaves his wife, Corinne, and his children, Wilson and Olivia. His death was unexpected and it is still very hard to accept that he is no longer with us.

At the time of his death, Luke was Lesley College's Interim Provost. During his 15 years at Lesley College, he served as a member of the faculty and administrator. As an academic, Luke examined areas such as adult education and reading. He co-authored "The Reading Crisis: Why Poor Children Fall Behind," published by Harvard University Press in 1990. Both his master’s degree and doctorate were earned in the Graduate School of Education of Harvard University.

Luke was a musician, singer, and songwriter, as well as a social activist guided by an unbreakable commitment to social justice. At Lesley College he worked hard on issues of diversity and community service. He had a great sense of humor and a passion for colorful shirts.

In 1996, Luke played a major role in the establishment of the Journal of Pedagogy, Pluralism and Practice. From the very beginning he was an active member of our Editorial Board. Much is owed to him for his efforts in getting financial support for JPPP, and for his many hours reading and editing submissions. In this issue we publish his last article, with Linda Brion-Meisels, “Fostering Gumption: Helping Community Service Learning Interns Integrate Their Personal, Professional and Political Selves.”