

IN MEMORIAM

Many of us in African studies who came to know and love Dorothy Soderlund first encountered her through her letters. Invariably her words of encouragement, wit, or wisdom came when—as a graduate student or young faculty member in the field—we were faced with a difficult methodological problem or merely a problem of physical survival in some rural outpost in Africa, Latin America, or Eastern Europe. To the thousand or more Foreign Area Program and ACLS/SSRC Fellows who received research grants during the twenty years that Dorothy was associated with these Ford-funded programs, she became mother-confessor, problem-solver par excellence, and just plain friend to all.

Although Dorothy had served with the Department of State in Algeria, Italy, and Germany during the Second World War and subsequently with the World Bank in Colombia, she always had special place in her affections for Africa and Africanists. She seldom missed the annual meetings of the African Studies Association, and her swing around the African continent in the late 1960s was one of the most rewarding trips of her very active life. Long after they had completed their field work in Africa, Fellows who met Dorothy in person for the first time were overwhelmed by her almost total recall of where they had worked, problems they had encountered, and the length of their publication lists. There was never any doubt about her genuine interest in people and scholarship.

Some of us who worked closely with Dorothy in the years before her retirement from SSRC/ACLS in 1973 were permitted to share her enthusiasm for the second love of her life—landscape gardening. Having been born in Seattle—which she always insisted had the most perfect climate for roses and tulips—she perhaps came by her love of gardening naturally. She frequently travelled with a trowel and a pair of garden shears in her suitcase so that she could bring back some new botanical specimen for her weekend home in Remsenberg, Long Island. The certificates she received in landscape design from the New York Botanical Garden and in English landscape design from Worcester College, Oxford, were sources of great pride to Dorothy.

Even though some of us had known of her cancer surgery last fall, it was a great shock to learn from her brother, Ray Soderland, of Ferndale, Washington, that Dorothy had passed away on 11 December. While still recuperating from her illness, she had made her way to Charlottesville, Virginia, to be with friends over the Thanksgiving holidays. While there, her condition weakened and she was hospitalized. Memorial services were held at the Evergreen-Washelli Chapel in Seattle on 18 December. Friends wishing to participate in a memorial in her name were requested to send contributions to the New York Botanical Garden Scholarship Fund.

Dorothy will be greatly missed by her thousands of friends around the world.

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SPECIAL PROGRAMS OF STUDY ON AFRICA

Masters Degree Program on Multinational Corporations in Africa Sponsored by Goddard College. Beginning in September 1975, the Goddard/Cambridge Graduate Program in Social Change will offer an accredited M.A. program which will enable participants to research the role of U.S.-based multinational corporations in Africa with particular reference to the political, economic, and military implications for the liberation of Southern Africa.

Participants will be in constant contact with the faculty advisor for the project, **Dr. Ann Seidman**, and will work together to formulate the research design and overall theoretical and practical perspectives. A variety of sources are available in Boston and, where necessary, in New York and Washington, including extensive university and business libraries; files of sympathetic church and social actions groups; and questionnaires addressed to and interviews with business and government personnel. Contacts with African liberation groups may help to focus the research more effectively.

Participants will also have the opportunity to take part in comparative studies of development in Latin America and Asia if they wish. In addition to providing the basis for the Masters theses, the research materials gathered will be published in forms agreed upon by the individual participants.