



In Memoriam

John A. Bock, Ph.D.

Dr. John Bock, beloved professor, researcher, and activist, passed away on July 1, 2024 at his home in Fullerton. Dr. Bock was instrumental in creating the Evolutionary Anthropology Program at CSUF, as well as co-founding the CSUF Center for Sustainability and the CSUF Campus Garden. He mentored both undergraduate and graduate students, most from historically underrepresented student populations, as part of the Urban Agriculture Community Research Experience (U-ACRE), founded by his wife, Dr. Sara Johnson in 2011. Since the early 1990s, he worked with community members and colleagues in Botswana, studying the impacts of cultural and environmental factors on disease transmission in the Okavango Delta. His early research on children's play and skill acquisition, also in collaboration with Dr. Johnson, set the standard in Human Behavioral Ecological approaches to questions surrounding the evolution of human childhood. He was named CSUF Outstanding Professor in 2012, and has mentored innumerable students in Anthropology and Environmental Studies. Dr. Bock was a passionate advocate and tireless fighter for social justice, equity, and accessibility for all people, and a devoted and cherished husband and father. He will be deeply missed by all of us in the CSUF Division of Anthropology.