

## Faculty member John Derr passes away

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It saddens me to inform you a City College teacher, John Derr, has passed away. He had been teaching at Mission Campus this summer.

Mr. Derr began his teaching career at City College in 1994. His first assignment was at Mission Campus and, in subsequent years, shared a split assignment with Alemany Campus. He was a dedicated teacher

and loved by his students. Some of his students constantly brought him food, especially cheese and juices, which he gladly shared with his colleagues and office staff.

Born in 1953, Mr. Derr attended the University of Wisconsin where he received a BA in English in 1975.

In 1989, he completed a master's degree in TEFL/TESL from San Francisco State University. Before joining the District, he taught at San

Francisco State, the Academy of World Studies and was a Publisher's Assistant at The Quilt Digest Press. He spoke several languages, including Spanish, French, Italian and Japanese.

He will be missed by all.