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## In Memoriam: Denis Murphy

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To the Campus Community:

It is with great sadness that we announce that Denis Murphy (Donncha Ó Murchadha) passed away on March 25th, 2020. Denis was an adjunct lecturer of Languages and Literatures in the School of Arts and Humanities at Lehman College teaching with LEH (Academic Programs).

Denis Murphy was an outstanding teacher with many years of experience with students in high school and college. He was one of the founding teachers at the High School for American Studies at Lehman College where he taught as an English teacher until present. In 2005, he joined the Department of Languages and Literatures as an adjunct lecturer. Many college students would remember him from the LEH 354 course he taught, "The Irish-American Experience: from the Tain to the U.S." He was a frequent attendee at the CUNY Institute for Irish-American Studies events and presented a paper at the 2016 Symposium which focused on Irish Language Literature and the History of Ireland, areas of his expertise.

Denis was from Kilkenny in Ireland. He studied history and English at University College Dublin. He taught in Ireland (Mayo, Wexford, Waterford, and Kilkenny) before immigrating to the United States. Arriving here in 1988, he taught in Queens and Manhattan before moving to the High School of American Studies on the Lehman College campus. Denis will be greatly missed by family, students, and friends. He is survived by his wife, Martha, his daughter Ciara, and his step-daughter Sofia.

*Statement prepared by colleagues of Denis Murphy, Thomas Ihde and Aoife Walsh.*

Sincerely,

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