

## **Hans H. Baerwald**

Hans H. Baerwald, UCLA professor emeritus and an internationally known scholar of Japanese politics, died at his home in Pope Valley, CA on June 2. He was 82.

Born in Tokyo to a German businessman and his wife on June 18, 1927, Baerwald began a lifelong connection with Japan during his childhood. Attending the American School in Japan, he became fluent in Japanese, as well as German and English. In 1938, with World War II impending, his mother enrolled him and his sister, Ann, in Swiss schools, where they became fluent in French.

In 1940 the family immigrated to Berkeley, CA, where Baerwald attended Berkeley High School and then UC Berkeley, where he became an ardent fan of the Cal Bears, an enthusiasm that continued throughout his life. He also ushered for the San Francisco Opera, where his love of music was nurtured.

At the age of 18, Baerwald left UC Berkeley when he was drafted into the U.S. Army and sent to the Army Japanese Language School. As a second lieutenant, he was posted to Government Section in Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters in Tokyo during the American occupation of Japan, participating in the political purge of Japanese leaders. He later wrote extensively about this tumultuous period.

He resumed his studies at UC Berkeley in 1949, graduating in 1950 with an interdisciplinary major focused on Japan. He then entered the doctoral program in political science and returned to Japan to gather research materials for his dissertation.

After completing his doctorate, Baerwald accepted a position as assistant professor of Asian Government and Politics at Miami University in Oxford, OH. In 1962 he joined UCLA's Department of Political Science, where Japanese studies ultimately became the focus of his teaching. He helped served as vice chair of his department, founded the Southern California Japan Seminar and directed UCLA's Education Abroad Program Study Center in Tokyo. He also directed the Japan Exchange Program and its successor, the Japan Research and Exchange Program, for which he received a major endowment from the Japan Shipbuilding Industry Foundation. Grants from the Ford Foundation, the Rockefeller Foundation, the Japan Foundation and the University of California supported his research on Japanese politics.

In addition to numerous research papers and monographs, Baerwald authored, with E.H. Odegard, the book "The American Republic: its government and politics. He also wrote "The Purge of Japanese Leaders Under the Occupation," "Japan's Parliament: An Introduction," and "Party Politics in Japan," all of which were also published in Japan. In 1989, was awarded the Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold and Silver Star, by the Japanese government on behalf of the Emperor of Japan, in recognition of his contributions to improving U.S.-Japanese relations.

A teacher, husband, father and friend, Baerwald is survived by his wife, Jennifer; his children, Andrea Lindgren, Jan Baerwald and David Baerwald; and his grandchildren, Melissa Crehan, Kim Morton and Beker Baerwald.

Baerwald was a generous benefactor to the university, making donations to the political science department and many other areas of the campus. In his memory, contributions may be made to the UCLA Foundation for the Hans Baerwald Graduate Fellowship in Japanese Studies: Contact Maura Resnick, (310) 825-6644, at the Terasaki Center for Japanese Studies, UCLA International Institute, 11248 Bunche Hall, Los Angeles, CA 90095-1487.