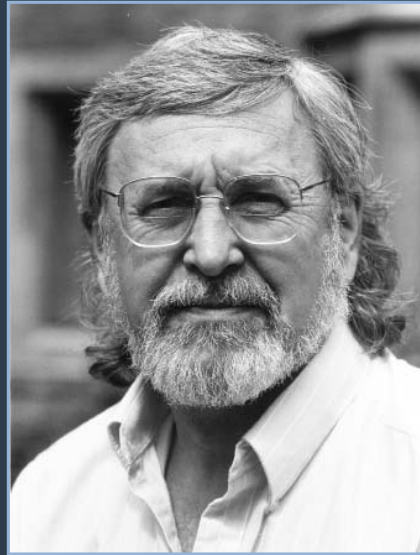


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Carroll Lucht, 1942–2016

CARROLL LUCHT, Clinical Professor Emeritus of Law and Professorial Lecturer in Law at Yale Law School, died on July 3, 2016. Over the course of his distinguished career, Professor Lucht focused on disability law, poverty law, and refugee and asylum law. He received his B.A. and J.D. from the University of Nebraska and an M.S.W. from the University of Michigan.

Professor Lucht worked with legal services organizations in Colorado, Nebraska, Georgia, and Iowa, where he was Clinical Professor of Law at the University of Iowa College of Law from 1981 until 1989, when he joined the Yale Law School faculty.

During his time at Yale Law School, he taught the Advanced Immigration Legal Services Clinic and the Community Lawyering Clinic. He also taught Advocacy for Detained Refugees, Advanced Community Lawyering, and Immigration Legal Service.

“Carroll was one of the pioneers of clinical education in America,” said Dean Robert C. Post ‘77. “He cared deeply about his students, who in turn cared deeply about him. He used the law to make the world a better place.”

In 2009, the Arthur Liman Public Interest Program honored Lucht and other clinical professors who helped build the

clinical program at Yale Law School during its annual colloquium. At that time, former students and current colleagues remarked on his calm and steady manner, his passion and dedication for helping those in need, and his ability to challenge colleagues and students to rise to every occasion. At that event, Lucht’s colleague Jean Koh Peters, Sol Goldman Clinical Professor of Law, described that his door was always open: “Through that open door have passed thousands of clients, now American citizens, now reunited with their families; thousands of people with disabilities; and poor people, seeking help.”

In 2013, he won a joint Community Advocate Award with his colleague Professor Stephen Wizner, William O. Douglas Clinical Professor Emeritus of Law, for his dedication to serving New Haven’s most vulnerable communities. The award was given by JUNTA for Progressive Action, a New Haven-based non-profit serving the Latino and Immigration communities.

“Whenever I remember Carroll, and I will remember him often,” said Wizner, “I will remember a decent, good, just man, in jeans and boots, with a John Deere cap perched on his head, sitting in the driver’s seat of his pickup truck with the radio on, singing along with Emmylou Harris or Willie Nelson. It will remind me how much I miss Carroll.”