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Graeme Hugo (1946 – 2015)

This special issue of Canadian Studies in Population is dedicated to the memory of Professor Graeme Hugo, who was a leading Australian population geographer. Dr. Hugo passed away on 19 January 2015 at the age of 68 after a brief battle with cancer. Graeme’s untimely death is a great loss to the global community of population scholars and most of all to his family, former students, colleagues, and friends. He was loved and respected by all who knew him. Over his career, Professor Hugo made many significant scholarly contributions in a variety of demographic areas, especially international migration. His publications include 33 books, 187 refereed articles, 253 book chapters, 43 monographs, and numerous presentations at conferences and other professional venues.

On a personal note, I met Graeme in the early 1980s during his visit to Edmonton. At that time, he had been invited to the University of Alberta to give a series of lectures organized by Professor Leszek A. Kosinski of the geography department. Years later, in the autumn of 2013, Graeme revisited the University of Alberta in connection with an invitation by the Provost of the University, to give a series of presentations aimed at promoting collaborative research among scholars from Alberta and The University of Adelaide, Graeme’s institution. It was truly a great pleasure to see Graeme after so many years. The idea of a special issue of CSP devoted to research featuring Canadian and Australian social demographic trends originated during this second visit.

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