In Memoriam: Xiaojia Ge, 1954–2009

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It is with profound regret that we announce the loss of one of our journal's most frequent contributors and deeply dedicated editorial board members, Xiaojia Ge. Dr. Ge passed away on August 26, 2009, at University of Minnesota Masonic Cancer Center, after a battle with lung cancer.

Professionally, Dr. Ge was perhaps best known for his seminal findings relating the influence of puberty's onset on adolescent developmental outcomes, especially outcomes involving internalizing and externalizing problems. His research focused on child and adolescent development in various contexts and included close examinations of interactions between biological factors and social contexts. He was involved in several longitudinal studies of children and adolescents from European- and African-American families and had studied the effects of family processes, neighborhood contexts, and economic stress on adolescents. Some of his important, recent work appeared in this journal (Jin et al. 2008; Natsuaki et al. 2008; Biehl et al. 2007; Ge et al. 2006). This journal issue contains what likely is one of his latest articles, "Emotional and Behavioral Effects of Romantic Relationships in Chinese Adolescents," for which he was the corresponding author and which he completed in March of this year.

His colleagues knew him as an exceptional scholar and a dedicated educator. His students and trainees knew him as an outstanding mentor and role model who was greatly invested in their professional success and personal well-being. His several years of service on this journal's editorial board also means that several who did not know him personally would feel similarly if they knew how much hard work he had put in his reviews. Many benefitted

tremendously from his insights and kind support. But the reality of serving on an editorial board means that many will never know how influential he was in helping them meet the high standards of excellence that was needed for publication.

Dr. Ge was born in China in 1954. He earned his Ph. D. in Sociology from Iowa State University in 1990. He conducted research at the Center for Family Research, Iowa State University from 1990 to 1995. He was on the faculty of the Human and Community Development Department at the University of California, Davis, from 1995 to 2006. Since 2006 he was a senior professor at the Institute for Child Development, University of Minnesota.

He is survived by his mother Zhengjing Chen; wife Ronghua (Jenny) Li; brother Zhaoguang Ge; sister Xiaoyu Ge; and son Yijie Ge.

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