



## *IN MEMORIAM*

Joyce Appleby  
Professor of History  
UC Los Angeles  
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Joyce Appleby, emerita professor of history at UCLA, died at her home in Taos, New Mexico, on December 23, reportedly of complications from pneumonia. She was 87. Appleby was a nationally renowned historian who wrote prolifically about America's founding fathers. She was considered a leading theorist of republican ideology.

She began her career at UCLA in 1981 after teaching at San Diego State University. She earned a Ph.D. from Claremont Graduate University in 1966.

Her research on England, France and America in the 17th and 18th centuries focused on how economic developments changed people's perceptions of politics, society and human nature. Her work on the founding era in the United States concentrated on Thomas Jefferson and his legacy.

Through a Ford Foundation grant, Appleby established the social sciences cluster, a program designed for first-year students at UCLA to fulfill the social science requirements of general education. The program integrated courses in history, anthropology, sociology and political science around a central theme, such as revolution or utopia. It became the model for the current freshman cluster courses at UCLA. Honored by the UCLA Academic Senate, she gave UCLA's 67th Faculty Research Lecture, "Clio in the Service of Patria: Writing the History of One's Own Country," in 1989. The College of Letters and Science gave her the Distinguished Professor Award in 1993.

She wrote her most recent books to reach out to an educated, non-academic reading public: "Inheriting the Revolution: The First Generation of Americans" (2000), "The

**Relentless Revolution: A History of Capitalism” (2010) and “Shores of Knowledge: New World Discoveries and the Scientific Imagination” (2013). She helped found the History News Service, which encourages historians to write about the events of the day.**

**In 1980 Appleby was named to the Council of the Institute of Early American History and Culture at Williamsburg, Virginia, acting as chair from 1983 to 1986. She served on the Smithsonian Institution Council from 1993 to 2001. She was a member of the American Philosophical Society, the American Academic of Arts and Sciences and the British Academy.**

**Appleby also served as president of the Organization of American Historians, the American Historical Association and the Society for the History of the Early Republic.**