

# Phyllis Morris

## In Memoriam

Phyllis Sutton Morris, co-founder of the Sartre Society of North America and member of its executive committee for several years, died on May 31, 1997 from complications due to cancer. Phyllis received her undergraduate degree in philosophy from the University of California at Berkeley and her doctorate from the University of Michigan. She taught for several years at Kirkland College in New York and was, at various times in more recent years, on the faculty at LeMoyné College, Oberlin College, and the University of Michigan. She was a devoted teacher who dedicated a great deal of time and energy to preparing her classes and to meeting with students.

In addition to her work with the Sartre Society of North America, Phyllis was one of the book review editors for *Sartre Studies International* and a frequent reviewer of articles for the journal. In addition, she organized "The Sartre Circle," group meetings devoted to papers on Sartre's philosophical work which were held in conjunction with the annual Eastern division meetings of the American Philosophical Association. In all these activities, her concern was to create new forums for Sartre scholars to exchange ideas as well as to create opportunities for emerging scholars in the field of Sartre studies. She was always willing to read and comment on others' work and to share her own knowledge of Sartre.

She was also the author of many important works on Sartre. In Sartre's *Concept of a Person: An Analytic Approach*, she was one of the first to discuss Sartrean ideas in light of issues of importance to analytic philosophers. In addition to her book, Phyllis was the author of numerous articles on Sartre. In all of them she brought clarity and sense to difficult topics in Sartre scholarship. Her most recently published article, "Self-Creating Selves: Sartre and Foucault," appeared a short time ago in the *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly*. At the time of her death, she was finishing an article analyzing Sartre's notion of objectification from a feminist perspective.

Her contribution to Sartre scholarship was enormous. Her philosophical talent as well as her generosity to colleagues added to the literature on Sartre as well as to the development of additional interest in Sartre. Sartre scholars owe her a great debt. Her death is a profound loss to her many friends and colleagues.

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