I am saddened to inform you that Gabriel Lovett, professor emeritus of Spanish, passed away on December 22, 2013 at the age of 92. He taught in the Spanish Department from 1969 until his retirement in 1987.

Professor Lovett’s students will remember him as brilliant and funny, and as a teacher who cared deeply about their progress in class. “Don Gabriel,” as his colleagues knew him, was a renowned scholar of 19th century Spanish literature and history. He published extensively on Romantic Spain, Duque de Rivas, and Napoleon in Spain. Professor Lovett served as chair of the Spanish Department for 10 years, and he was a regular member of the College’s International Board of Admission.

Before coming to Wellesley in 1969, Professor Lovett taught Spanish at New York University for more than 20 years, including five years in Madrid, Spain, when he served as director of NYU Abroad.

Professor Lovett was born in Berlin, Germany, and came to the U.S. in 1939 after he and his family escaped from Nazi Germany. He went on to study at City College of New York and earned his MA and PhD degrees from NYU.

I extend my condolences to Professor Lovett’s family, friends, and colleagues at this difficult time.