I am saddened to inform you that Mimi Berlin, who was a longtime lecturer of history at Wellesley, died on January 1 at the age of 88. She taught at the College from 1958 to 1975.

Professor Berlin specialized in Russian history, with a focus on the Jacobin tradition in the Russian Revolutionary movement from 1860 to 1880. During her time at Wellesley, she taught courses in Russian, European, and Middle Eastern history. She published widely, and her many articles and reviews included, in 1983, “Visit to Pasternak” in *American Scholar*, in which she described her 1957 visit with author Boris Pasternak in Russia—a visit that ultimately helped to facilitate the publication of *Dr. Zhivago* later that year.

Professor Berlin earned a bachelor’s degree from Smith College, and she was the first woman to earn a Ph.D. in Russian history from Harvard University. After leaving Wellesley, she went on to teach at the Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies at Harvard University and Harvard Extension School, among other schools and organizations.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 28 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Center for Government and International Studies South Building, Tsai Auditorium, 1730 Cambridge Street in Cambridge.

I extend my condolences to Professor Berlin’s family, friends, and colleagues.