

Announcement

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On behalf of *TEXT & TALK* contributors, readers and the production team, with deep sadness I share the news about the recent death of Aaron V. Cicourel. Aaron passed away peacefully on 22nd July 2023, just short of his 95th birthday.

For many years, Aaron had been intimately linked with T&T, first as a member of the Advisory Board and then as part of the Specialist Board. His longstanding experience in interdisciplinarity in the study of human conduct translated effortlessly into wise words, methodologically – whether writing review reports targeted at authors or interacting face-to-face with doctoral and post-doctoral researchers. His outstanding contributions in the field of sociology, cognitive science and text/discourse studies were celebrated in 2007 through a special double issue of *Text & Talk* (27–5/6), which included his seminal work on ‘ecological validity’.

Unhesitatingly, Aaron offered general advice to me in the running of the journal. His unassuming character combined with intelligent, situated humour forged a deep sense of collegiality and as with many others, he became a friend and mentor to me. Aaron took some time out of a conference we both were attending in 2017 to have a lengthy, open interview with me on the shaping of (inter)disciplinarity, which can be accessed at <https://journal.equinoxpub.com/JALPP/article/view/13642>

Aaron’s death leaves a scholarly void, which is difficult to fill. No doubt he will remain a sustained source of inspiration for many in years to come.

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