In Memory of Dr. Gwen Stowers

Dr. Gwen Stowers was Professor of Teacher Education and Program Lead for the Teaching and Learning in a Global Society concentration in the School of Education and National University in San Diego, California. Gwen began her tenure with National University in 2000, just as the University was beginning its foray into online education. By 2012, most of Gwen’s work with National was online. Gwen lived with her husband and adult son in a rural, working class border town in Southern New Mexico, as well as in Tijuana, México, and in a more urban working class community in San Diego, California. Together they promoted border rights (taking pride in being called “border rats” and “horse traders”), taught English on both sides of the border, worked as real estate agents for new immigrants, published the bilingual newspaper, Las Fronteras, and worked to make aesthetic improvements on their hand sculptured adobe house. Though Gwen lost a battle with breast cancer in 2012, her legacy as a social justice advocate lives on.