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Melvin Hinich, 1939-2010

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The Department of Government is very saddened to announce the death of Melvin Hinich, professor of Government and Economics, and the Mike Hogg Professor of Local Government.

In tribute, the Department of Government and the College of Liberal Arts have launched the following Web site:

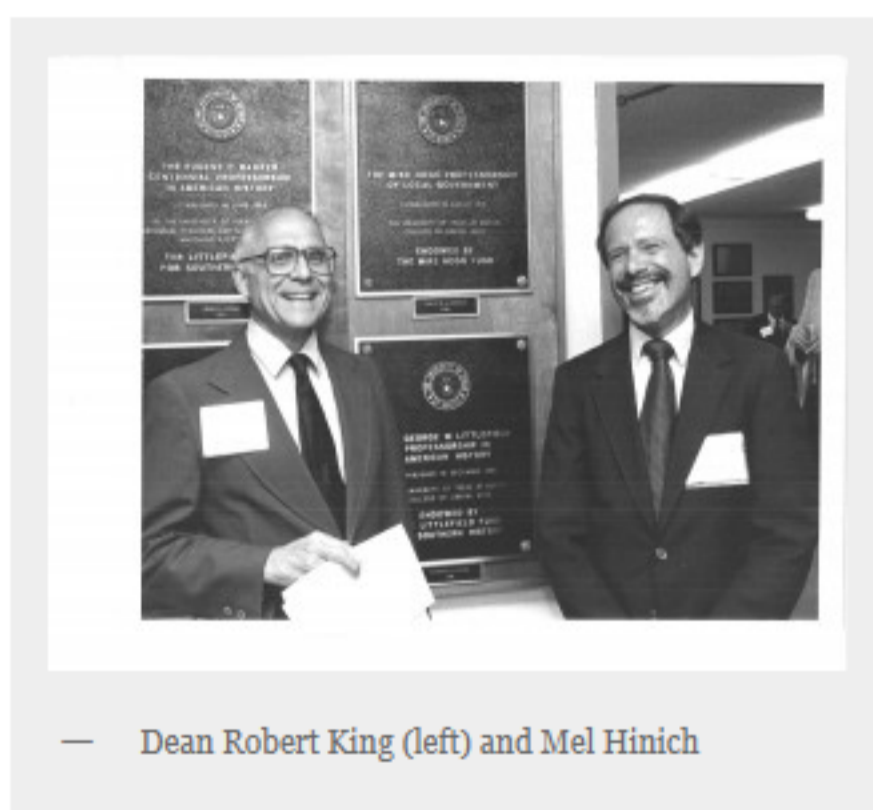
[Melvin Hinich, 1939-2010.](#)

Mel's tragic death brings to an end one of the truly innovative and productive careers in academics. Hinich was the very definition of a polymath, having made seminal contributions to multiple fields of study.

But he was so much more: one of the most interesting and stimulating people ever, an exacting exacting critic of the academy and, yes, curmudgeonly.

Also, please visit Mel's website: <http://hinich.webhost.utexas.edu/>

You may also read the Wikipedia entry on Mel: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Melvin_J._Hinich



— Dean Robert King (left) and Mel Hinich

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Laura Leissner Carlson, 1964-2010

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Laura Leissner Carlson, former graduate admissions coordinator for the Department of Government, passed away Sept. 2. Laura worked at the University from 2001 until 2006, at which time she left to become a full time mother. She was diagnosed with kidney cancer in January 2007.

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