



The 2011 edition of the Arizona Health Status and Vital Statistics report is tributed to Dr. Krzysztof Mrela (Christopher Mrela). Christopher was a Sociologist and an educator who was instrumental in developing the annual BIG BOOK—the 500 page Arizona Health Status and Vital Statistics report that dozens of ADHS programs use to help write grants and needs assessments. Outside of ADHS, numerous libraries, colleges, universities, and other organizations use the Arizona Health Status report to make informed decisions regarding the health of Arizona’s population. He always took his work and work ethics in a very serious manner, making sure that for the many years he worked for this department he produced the reports for the Section of Health Status and Vital Statistics in a precise and timely manner. During his 26 years here, Christopher's work transformed the multitude of numbers into annual reports that helped protect the health of many Arizona residents.

Aside from his expertise in Arizona’s population health, Christopher was a great co-worker, friend, and supervisor. He was a quiet but very effective mentor and teacher, and was always helpful and pleasant when anyone needed assistance. Someone shared their memories of him as a man who seemed almost mystical in his mannerisms, and at the same time being very humble in reference to his accomplishments. When asked if he preferred Doctor when being addressed he always replied “just call me Christopher, you can leave the Doctor at home.” Christopher was known to come to the defense of those in need and was greatly appreciated for that. He was not a man who liked being interviewed but a reporter from the Arizona Capitol Times was able to pry one from him and he did an extremely great interview (“From teen pregnancies to heart attacks, DHS statistician tracks health data”, Published August 28, 2009). Simply put, Christopher was a kind, warm, decent, and dedicated man with volumes of grace who was a joy to work with.

Christopher left behind many good friends here at ADHS and his family, including his wife Lydia, two daughters, Marta Gakle and husband Brett, Suzanna Buell and husband Jason, and two grandsons Brian and Dylan. The following page includes a very brief description of some of Christopher’s accomplishments outside of ADHS.

Dr. Christopher Mrela Abridged Curriculum Vitae

DEGREES

Ph.D. in Sociology, the Polish Academy of Sciences, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology,
Warsaw, Poland (1978).

M.A. in Sociology, the University of Warsaw, Department of Sociology,
Warsaw, Poland (1974).

EXPERIENCE

1994 to 2012 - Arizona Vital Statistician deputized by the Director of the Arizona Department of Health Services, Phoenix, Arizona.

1990 to 1994 - Senior Planner and Researcher, Office of Planning, Evaluation, and Public Health Statistics (Designated State Center for Health Statistics), Arizona Department of Health Services, Phoenix, Arizona.

1989 to 1995 - Adjunct Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology, Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona.

1986 to 1990 - Senior Researcher, Office of Planning and Health Status Monitoring, Arizona Department of Health Services, Phoenix, Arizona.

1983 to 1985 - Associate Professor of Sociology, Organizational Sociology Research Center, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw, Poland.

1981 to 1985 - Director, Survey Research Center, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw, Poland.

1978 to 1983 - Assistant Professor of Sociology, Organizational Sociology Research Center in the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw, Poland.

1976 to 1977 - Senior Research Assistant, Organizational Sociology Research Center in the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw, Poland.

1974 to 1976 - Research Assistant, Organizational Sociology Research Center in the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology; Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw, Poland.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Los Intelectuales en la Sociedad de la Informacion (1987) Barcelona (Spain). An-thropos: Editorial del Hombre (with Ph. Schlesinger, Ch. Kadushin and M.J. Kostecki). ISBN: 84-7658-049-5, pp.229 *in Spanish.

Organization Structures: A Multidimensional Analysis (1983), Warsaw: PWE Scientific Publishers. ISBN: 83-208-0329-2, pp.230 *in Polish.

Barriers and Perspectives. Studies in the Sociology of Organizations (1981). Warsaw: Institute of Philosophy and Sociology Press (with M.J. Kostecki), pp.180.

Organization Structure and Effectiveness in their Context: Concepts and Findings (1980). Warsaw: Institute of Philosophy and Sociology Press (with M.J. Kostecki and W. Pankow), pp.202.

A Man in the World of Organizations (1979) Warsaw: MAW Press. ISBN: 83-203-0081-9, pp.170 *in Polish.

Articles

Forty articles published in refereed scientific journals.

Reports and Research Monographs

Over one hundred fifty research monographs and health status monitoring reports.