

In Memory of Jeremy Halvard Prynne: A Special Memorial Section

Letter of Tribute from English Poetry Studies Institute, School of Foreign Languages, Sun Yat-sen University

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Dear Family and Friends of Mr. Jeremy Prynne,

It is with profound sorrow and heavy hearts that we, the faculty, researchers, and students of the English Poetry Studies Institute (EPSI), School of Foreign Languages, Sun Yat-sen University, write to extend our deepest condolences on the passing of Mr. Jeremy Prynne—our beloved teacher, esteemed advisor, lifelong mentor, and dear friend.

Mr. Prynne's bond with EPSI and Sun Yat-sen University has been deeply rooted and enduring for decades. As the postdoctoral supervisor of Professor Ou Hong, the founding professor of EPSI, he laid an intellectual foundation for our institute's growth in English poetry studies. In 2005, he accepted the appointment as Guest Professor at the School of Foreign Languages, Sun Yat-sen University; in 2010, he became Academic Advisor to EPSI, guiding our academic direction with exceptional insight and generosity. He selflessly donated 811 volumes of precious books on poetry in English to EPSI, forming a cornerstone collection that continues to nourish generations of poetry researchers and students. Throughout the years, he offered invaluable advice, warm encouragement, and scholarly support to countless members of EPSI, shaping our academic pursuits and personal growth with quiet dedication and profound wisdom.

Mr. Prynne's towering legacy as a poet, critic, and educator, his unwavering

commitment to poetry and learning, and his gentle kindness will forever be cherished by our entire institute. His passing is an immense loss to the global community of English poetry studies, and to every one of us who had the privilege to learn from and work with him.

We hold his family close in our thoughts during this most difficult time. May you find comfort in the remembrance of his remarkable life, his enduring influence, and the love he shared with so many.

May Mr. Jeremy Prynne rest in peace.

With deepest sympathy and highest respect,

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