

Wen Wang's Memorial at ABFM

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I am honored to be asked to say a few words on behalf of the School of Public Affairs and Administration at Rutgers University-Newark. As you all know, Wen was not just our colleague, but he was our friend and brother in the profession.

During the last year, I have had the opportunity to speak with many of the SPAA family members and the conversations are all too familiar. Faculty talk about their personal experiences with Wen and how he helped them in one way or another. The same is true when I speak to his ABFM family members.

After Wen's passing, I was thinking about the various ways that SPAA could recognize him. So, I proposed naming his office after him. The proposal received overwhelming support from the faculty. So, while we won't have Wen physically in the building, his memory will live on forever as all will see the plaque on his office designating the space as the Wen Wang Office. It is my goal to have someone who studies budgeting and financial management to occupy the space to honor his name.

My Memory Library

By Sarah Blackstone

Imagine if I was given one moment,
Just a single slice of my past.
I could hold it close forever,
And that moment would always last.
I'd put the moment in a safe,
Within my hearts abode.
I could open it when I wanted,
And only I would know the code.
I could choose a time of laughing,
A time of happiness and fun.
I could choose a time that tried me,
Through everything that I have done.