



Alice MacDonald

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I was a nontraditional student starting in 1983 at age forty-three, and I graduated in 1990 after seven years of night school, wanting to be a teacher. I want to remember Alice MacDonald, an associate teacher in the English Department. I've been pondering how to write about her, and, lo and behold, my answer came today in David Brooks's column in the *New York Times*. On January 18, 2019, he wrote, "...the key job of a school is to give students new things to love; it reminds us that what teachers really teach is themselves—their contagious passion for their subjects and students. It reminded us that children learn from people they love." Alice gave us her

contagious passion about every book we read. It seemed as though she was sitting next to the author while each book was being written. She truly loved her students. It was an honor to have known her. She was kind, interesting, and funny.