

IN MEMORIAM

Robert Leuci

URI ADJUNCT FACULTY MEMBER

Our beloved colleague and friend Robert Leuci died on Monday, October 12, 2015. Bob will be greatly missed by the faculty, staff, and students he worked with for more than 20 years at the University of Rhode Island. Bob taught creative writing at the university and participated in URI's summer workshop, *State Writing Conference*, where he guided and supported future creative writers.

Professor Leuci had a long career as a policeman and member of a special narcotics unit in New York City before he came to teach at URI. The book, *The Prince of the City*, which was subsequently made into a hugely successful movie with the same title, was based on Leuci's memoir concerning his work with the NYC police force.

In addition to his memoir, *All The Centurions*, Professor Leuci wrote several novels ("The Snitch," "Fence Jumpers," "Blaze") as well as short stories. His latest short story was "The Vengeance Taker."

For his colleagues and students Bob was a caring colleague and supportive teacher. He also found time to support the adjunct faculty at URI through his contributions and service as an Executive Committee member of the URI/AAUP/Part-Time Faculty United.