

Dr. David Musto (1936-2010)

Dr. David Musto of Yale University was a pioneer historian of American drug control policy. His book, *The American Disease: Origins of Narcotic Control* remains a classic in the field. His other books included *The Quest for Drug Control: Politics and Federal Policy in a Period of Increasing Substance Abuse, 1963-1981* (co-authored with Pamela Korsmeyer) and an edited collection of essays, *One Hundred Years of Heroin and Drugs In America: A Documentary History*. Dr. Musto was a central figure in encouraging academic studies of the history of drug policy and convened meetings at Yale of young historians to encourage such work.

Dr. Musto and I had discussed plans for a career-to-date retrospective interview, but he died suddenly of a heart attack on October 8, 2010, during a trip to China marking the opening of the Center for International Drug Control Policy Studies. Dr. Musto was a prolific writer and his books and many of his articles are accessible. Samples of earlier interview with Dr. Musto can be found at the following websites:

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/dope/interviews/musto.html>

<http://www.nytimes.com/1992/05/10/nyregion/connecticut-q-a-dr-david-f-musto-drug-laws-and-attitudes-in-closer-harmony.html>

Complete obituaries reviewing Dr. Musto's life and work can also be found at the links below:

http://www.nytimes.com/2010/10/14/us/14musto.html?_r=0

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1360-0443.2011.03378.x/abstract>