

Dear Dave,

One of my first teaching assignments at NYU was co-teaching the international economics PhD course with you. It was 2009. That year, I learned a lot about teaching, economics, and just how little I knew about anything.

At some point, you thought it would be a good idea to hold our office hours at the Stoned Crow. That place was a dive; what a great choice. I remember being surprised when MBA students showed up --- when you said office hours, you meant office hours.

At some point, faculty started showing up, too, and the economics happy hour was born.

The Stoned Crow, then the Half Pint, Amity Hall, and finally the Malt House. We made some great friends at those places, and the list of email addresses on the "beer list" grew. Again, I was surprised by the wide net you cast. Students, faculty, friends, even marketing faculty (!! ) showed up to celebrate the week's work.

You built a community.

I am not exactly sure when the emails started. I can find some as early as 2009, but they reference even earlier emails between us. You wrote some of my favorites. [When we nicknamed Mike [Big Dog](#); When Asker became a [real American](#); Our esprit de corps in [email](#) form]

Eventually, our weekly email became an institution. Remember how Larry would panic if we had not sent one by four o'clock on a Friday? Or how Stan would bug us from some far off conference, looking for a distraction? We would brainstorm during lunch. People would send us suggestions, or critique last week's dispatch.

This week, Chief, we will raise our glasses, not just to our teaching, research and mentoring, but to you, who brought so many of us together.

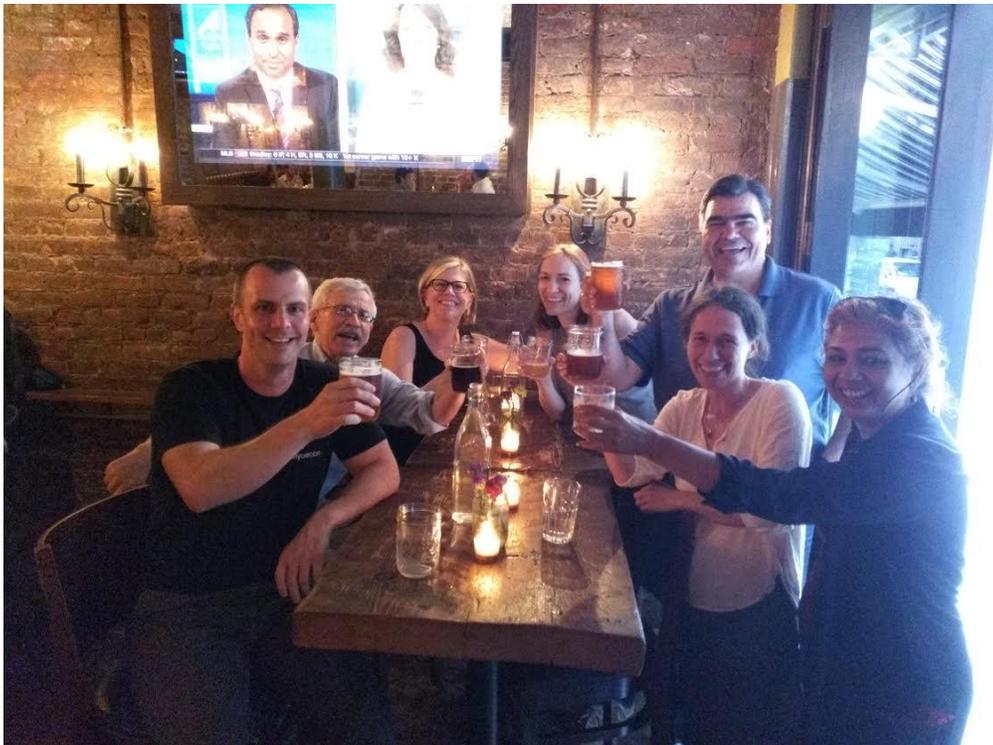
I miss you. We all do. Godspeed.

Kim

As always: The Malt House, 206 Thompson, 5:30 or so.



The inaugural Malt House Happy Hour: August 31, 2012



Here's to you, Dave. June 3, 2016