

OSA Statement on the Passing away of Dr. Alemayehu Kumsa

The Oromo Studies Association (OSA) has learned with deep sadness the passing away of Dr. Alemayehu Kumsa on August 19, 2023. Dr. Alemayehu was an esteemed member of our association for a long time and made an immense contribution for many years. A sociologist by training, Dr. Alemayehu's contribution to Oromo scholarship was tremendous. He consistently



presented papers at OSA conferences and published them in various journals including, the Journal of Oromo Studies. In addition to OSA, Dr. Alemayehu presented papers on Oromo issues at various professional and international conferences taking Oromo scholarship to a broader audience. Dr. Alemayehu supported and advised OSA leaders and when the time came, he agreed to serve and was elected President-Elect in July 2022. He would have been our current president if it were not for the health problem, he encountered that finally led to his death.

We at OSA are devastated when we learned Dr. Alemayehu's untimely death. As a person, Dr. Alemayehu embraced the best of human quality and Oromo decency. A soft-spoken with a great sense of humor, everyone liked to be around him. His respect for his colleagues and for people around him was unparalleled. He always extended a helping hand to anyone seeking his advice and professional support. His love for Oromos and everything Oromo was quite incomparable. As a scholar, his departure is a dent to our continuous strive to promote Oromo studies. He is truly irreplaceable and will be dearly missed.

The Oromo Studies Association expresses its sincere and deepest condolences to his family, friends and fellow OSA members.

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