



Dr. Glen Sparrow Class of 2015

Dr. Glen Sparrow graduated from Oroville Union High School (OHS) in 1956 and was a member of the California Scholastic Federation (CSF) for 2 years and the French Club for 2 years. He also played junior varsity baseball for 2 years and was a member of the Block O Society. Outside school, Glen was a member of the Masonic-DeMolay and held several jobs in the community including working at Gilbert's Men's Store, Gaskin's Drugs, Tom's Toggery, and High Sierra Pine Mills.

Upon graduation from OHS, Glen matriculated to San Jose State College (SJSC), where he earned his BA in Public Administration. He was a member of the IFC boxing team, fighting at 115 pounds, a member of the Sigma Nu Fraternity, and president of SJSC Inter Fraternity Council.

Upon earning his BA degree in 1961, Glen served in the United States Navy, where he rose to the rank of Lieutenant. He was awarded the National Defense Service, Vietnam Service, and Armed Forces Expeditionary medals. Following discharge from active duty in 1965, he returned to SJSC and earned his MA in Political Science. He received his PhD in Government from Claremont Graduate School in 1976. While a student, Glen was selected as one of 11 interns within the State of California to spend a year as staff on legislative committees in the State Assembly.

From 1971-80, Glen held a number of public sector jobs including: Administrative Assistant to a Sacramento County Supervisor, Executive Director of Charter Review efforts in Sacramento and San Francisco, while teaching part-time at Sacramento campus of University of Southern California (USC), American River College and San Francisco State University. From 1976-79 he was Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Arkansas, Little Rock. In 1980, he became an Associate Professor in the School of Public Administration and Urban Studies at San Diego State University (SDSU), a position he held until 1984.

1984 saw Glen earn his full professorship in the school of Public Administration and Urban Studies at SDSU: Teaching and Research: Coordinator of graduate and undergraduate Public Administration program where he served until 2002. Since 2002 Glen has been Professor Emeritus, School of Public Affairs at SDSU.

Throughout Glen's distinguished career, he has served as guest lecturer and Visiting Professor in various parts of the world including El Colegio de la Frontera Norte, Tijuana, Baja, California, Mexico, where he has served since 1995. He also was an Invited Lecturer and consultant to faculty at South China Normal University, Guangzhou, People's Republic of China. Other locations where he was a Visiting Professor were at Debercen University, Debercen, Hungary, and University of Calgary, Canada. He was a visiting Fulbright Scholar, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Department of Government and Public Administration, Hong Kong, BCC.

Aside from his teaching, Glen is a prolific writer, having over 100 conference papers, referred publications, book chapters, journal articles, applied research reports, newspaper op-ed articles, books, and monographs published.

Among Glen's numerous commendations were being selected as one of seven Exemplary Academic Advisors at SDSU, Fellowship Director, Patricia Roberts Harris Fellowship, Meritorious Performance and Professional Promise Award, SDSU, and twice receiving the Outstanding Faculty Award, SDSU.

Glen's community service record is also extensive and varied. He has been a Docent, USS Midway Museum since 2009, member of the Board of Directors, San Diego County Taxpayers Association, 2006-present, member SDSU Academic Senate, 1996-2000, and a member of the San Diego Community College District, Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee, 2012-present.

Since 1966, Glen has been involved in various political campaigns at the national, state, and local levels: including precinct worker, speechwriter, advance man, campaign manager coordinator and candidate. He has participated in nearly every phase of political activity involving both candidates and issues.

He has been interviewed, quoted or referenced hundreds of times in newspapers and magazines or on radio and television.

Glen lives in La Mesa, CA.