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Yale served on the faculty of the UC Berkeley School of Information where he was engaged in virtually all of the school’s endeavors and had a positive impact on the professional and personal lives of faculty, staff, and students. His generosity, humor, and good advice reached every corner of the Berkeley campus.

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