Announcement:

This colloquium will be devoted to the memory of Professor Horacio Farach, a long time and distinguished member of our faculty, who passed away on December 29, 2018. Professor Farach came to USC in 1967 as a Visiting Professor following a brutal military coup in his home country of Argentina. On July 29, 1966, the “night of the long sticks,” hundreds of students and faculty of the University of Buenos Aires were attacked by police wielding batons and arrested. About 1,400 faculty resigned in protest and 300 went into exile. Many of these exiled professors found positions in the U.S. and so Horacio came to South Carolina.

Professor Farach was tenured at Associate Professor in 1968 and had a distinguished career at USC, winning the Russell Research Award, the Jesse W. Beams Medal of the APS, and several high-level international honors, including the presidential level Luis Leloir Medal of Argentina (1996) and the “Mayores Notables Argentinos” awarded by the National Assembly of Argentina (similar to the U.S. Medal of Freedom) in 2013. In addition, he won three teaching awards at USC. He served as Graduate Director for 18 years and as both Assistant and later Associate Department Chair of our department under Frank Avignone. There were many interesting turns of events in his life that will make this lecture interesting. He was a dynamite personality packed tightly into 150 pounds. He will be missed by his friends, family, and many students.