



In Memoriam  
Richard Slator Dunn (1928–2022)

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I sadly note the passing of Richard S. Dunn, professor emeritus of the University of Pennsylvania and director emeritus of the McNeil Center. A dear friend to scholars of early America and distinguished historian, Professor Dunn's first work, *Puritans and Yankess: The Winthrop Dynasty of New England, 1630–1717* illustrated his wide-ranging interests that placed a classic New England subject, the Winthrop family, in a transatlantic context. His path-breaking work, *Sugar and Slaves: The Rise of the Planter Class in the English West Indies*, provided a multifaceted, rich cultural history that examined the devastation of the slave trade, the techniques of Caribbean sugar production, and the difficulties of adapting English ways to the tropics. Charles Odegaard, the president of the University of Washington in the sixties, maintained that historians could do anything. Richard Dunn was evidence of Odegaard's dictum. Professor Dunn joined administrative acumen to the furtherance of the scholarly enterprise with his leadership of Penn's history department, the American Philosophical Society (with his wife Mary Maples Dunn, another example of an historian supremely capable of many things), and the McNeil Center at Penn. For this historian of New England, I remember him most fondly for my well-thumbed volume of *Puritans and Yankees* and his welcome to the McNeil Center's scholarly community.

—Jonathan M. Chu