David Currie Lee (April 25, 1953 – December 24, 1995)

David Lee died on December 24, 1995 in the New England Medical Center in Boston. He had received a liver transplant in March, 1994 and his body had difficulty adjusting to it. He was the husband of Peggy and father of Rebecca.

After completing his undergraduate studies at St. Lawrence University Canton, N.Y in 1975, David obtained a master's degree in International Affairs with a specialization in Russian Area Studies from Columbia University. Before joining the CIE, he taught English as a Peace Corps volunteer in Zaire during 1977-1979. In Zaire, he worked as a teacher trainer at the Advanced Pedagogical Institute of the National University of Zaire. David also taught at Lukolela Institute. David received his Doctoral degree in Education in 1985. His dissertation was entitled "Linkages between formal and non-formal Education: A study of the People's Universities in the USSR". His work, "The Peoples' Universities of the USSR" was published in 1988.

David later taught at the Armand Hammer United World College in Montezuma, New Mexico. During 1986-1993 he worked as coordinator of Asian Studies at Cushing Academy in Ashburnham, Massachusetts. He returned to the UMass campus in 1994 to direct the CIE/UMass Guinea Project which focused on familiarizing teachers with American educational policies in the area of curriculum and administration.