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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Death

Action Requested: Adoption of Memorial Statement

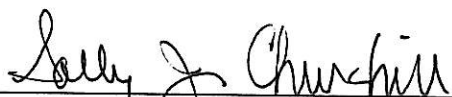
The Regents of the University of Michigan acknowledge with profound sadness the death of **Traianos Gagos, Ph.D.**, professor of papyrology and Greek and assistant research scientist in the Kelsey Museum of Archaeology, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts; and archivist in the University Library. Professor Gagos died on April 24, 2010 at the age of 49.

Professor Gagos received his B.A. degree from the University of Ioannina, Greece, in 1983, and his Ph.D. degree from the University of Durham, England, in 1987. After one year as a British Academy visiting assistant research scientist at Durham, he came to Michigan as a visiting assistant professor and visiting assistant research scientist in 1988. He joined the University of Michigan faculty in 1991 as an associate archivist of papyrology in the University Library, and was promoted to archivist in 1997. He was appointed assistant professor in 1994 and assistant research scientist in the Kelsey Museum in 1995, and was promoted to associate professor in 1999, and professor in 2008.

Professor Gagos was an outstanding teacher of Modern Greek, and was instrumental in creating and building that program, which is now a concentration in the College of LS&A. He was greatly respected throughout the Greek community of southeastern Michigan. As archivist, he was a leader in making papyrology and the Michigan collection accessible not only to scholars, but to students and the general public, particularly through technology. Especially in his work on the carbonized papyri from Petra, he demonstrated exceptional skill in deciphering damaged texts and interpreting them in their historical contexts. In all his activities, he brought disparate groups and disciplines together. His leadership was recognized by his service as president of the American Society of Papyrologists.

Professor Gagos was a beloved mentor to undergraduate and graduate students in classical studies, the Interdepartmental Program in Classical Art and Archaeology, the Interdepartmental Program in Greek and Roman History, Modern Greek, History, and Near Eastern Studies. He will be greatly missed at Michigan and around the world. As we mourn the loss of our beloved colleague, we also extend our sincere condolences to his wife, Gina, and members of his family.

Requested by:



Sally J. Churchill

Vice President and Secretary of the University

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