

# THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

*Regents Communication*

## ACTION REQUEST

Adopted by the Regents  
September 18, 2008

**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 **Sharon L. Betz**, Ph.D., clinical assistant professor of pathology, Medical School. Professor Betz died on July 24, 2008, at the age of 35.

Professor Betz received her B.S. degree in health sciences from Merrimack College in North Andover, MA, in 1997, and her Ph.D. degree in molecular and cellular pathology from the University of North Carolina School of Medicine in 2002. She then completed postdoctoral fellowships in clinical molecular genetics (2003-05) and cytogenetics (2005-07) at the University of North Carolina Hospitals. She joined the University of Michigan faculty in July 2007 as clinical assistant professor of pathology and assistant director of the Clinical Cytogenetics and Molecular Diagnostics Laboratories in the Department of Pathology. Professor Betz was board certified in clinical molecular genetics and clinical cytogenetics.

Professor Betz will be greatly missed by her family, friends and colleagues, and will be remembered by all those whose lives she touched. As we mourn the loss of our beloved colleague, we also extend our condolences to her husband, Bryan Betz, and her children, Katherine Emma and Andrew Lorris.

**Requested by:**



Sally J. Churchill

Vice President and Secretary of the University

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