In loving memory of

Katy Vecitis

The Department of Sociology mourns the loss of Katy Vecitis, who passed away on Sunday, November 27, 2016 after a long illness. Katy began teaching in Sociology in 2009, and quickly became a popular instructor and respected colleague. Students found Katy thoughtful, inspiring, engaging, funny, and caring. Faculty often laughed with her (she used to perform stand up comedy) and talked about courses, pedagogy, and research. Katy challenged herself by taking on new classes and she thrived in those environments. While her specialty was the topic of crime and deviance, she taught courses on youth culture, urban sociology, and American society. In recent semesters, Katy’s health took a turn for the worse, yet she prioritized her teaching and ultimately took medical leaves when it was clear that was the best for her and her students. Even then she expressed a desire to return to the classroom as soon as she was able. We’ll miss the light, laughter and knowledge she brought to our lives.

Giving in Katy’s name

Many of Katy’s friends, colleagues, and students have asked about the opportunity to give in her name. At the request of Katy’s family, we have established the Katy Vecitis Memorial Fund for Sociology students and interest. Donations may be made by check, online payment, or telephone.

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Make your check payable to Trustees of Tufts College, and mail to: Tufts University P.O. Box 3306 Boston, MA 02241-3306. Please indicate on the memo line that your donation is for the "Sociology–Katy Vecitis Memorial Fund."

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