

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Regents Communication

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 **Douglas J. Krupka, Ph.D.**, assistant research scientist in the Institute for Research on Labor, Employment, and the Economy (IRLEE), and adjunct lecturer in the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, who died on June 23, 2010 at the age of 35.

Dr. Krupka received his B.A. degree from the University of Virginia in 1997, and his M.P.P. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Chicago in 1999 and 2004, respectively. In 2004, he was appointed assistant professor of economics at Georgia State University, where he coordinated the Urban, Regional and Environmental Economics Colloquium. In 2007, he became a senior research associate, and then research fellow at the Institute for the Study of Labor in Bonn, Germany. In this position, he served as co-editor of the Discussion Paper Series and coordinated the institute's internal seminar series. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant research scientist and adjunct lecturer in 2009.

Dr. Krupka's interests were in the areas of urban and regional economics, labor economics, environmental economics, and applied microeconomics. His journal publications cover a wide range of urban and regional issues, including segregation in neighborhoods, price effects of superfund cleanups on neighborhoods, and location-specific human capital. He had done research on empowerment zones, historic and cultural landmark designation, and on mixed income neighborhoods. Within IRLEE, Dr. Krupka was actively engaged in developing metrics for the assessment of university-based community economic development programs, and was pursuing research on the effectiveness of technical and management assistance programs in helping preserve jobs in mid-western manufacturing enterprises. Within the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, Professor Krupka taught a course on urban economics and policy.

As we mourn the loss of our beloved colleague, we also extend our heartfelt condolences to his wife, Erin, and his children, Nikolas and Mara.

Requested by:



Sally J. Churchill

Vice President and Secretary of the University

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