

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

Adopted by the Regents
September 20, 2012

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 **Stephen D. Landon, M.F.A.**, associate professor of theatre, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Michigan-Flint. Professor Landon died July 8, 2012.

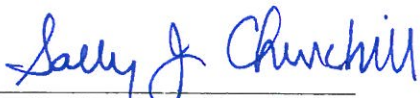
Professor Landon received his B.S. degree from Lawrence Technological University in 2002, and his M.F.A. degree from Wayne State University in 2005. He joined the University of Michigan-Flint faculty as an assistant professor in 2005, and was promoted to associate professor in 2011.

Professor Landon consistently and progressively expanded his professional work and became a national figure in the field of theatre design, and was frequently invited by prestigious companies to design sets. He creatively employed a variety of styles, resulting in an effective set for each script, providing the audience with authentic visuals through which they could interpret the play. His background as an architect was evident in the technical precision with which he approached his work.

Professor Landon was an accomplished and seasoned teacher who was dedicated to his students. He developed and taught a broad range of courses in theatre and set design and also pioneered the Flint Campus' new general education programs. A strong advocate for the city of Flint, and the University, he taught a "First Year Experience" course to incoming freshmen. His many strengths included the ability to cross into different modalities with equal effectiveness, to present captivating lectures, to model experiential teaching in hands-on labs, and to utilize Computer Aided Design (CAD) for creative stage design. He was a beloved teacher who received six University of Michigan-Flint Golden Apple Awards. He served as vice chair of the Kennedy Center's American College Theatre Festival Design Committee for Region III, and also served on its Selection Committee. Each year since 2004, during the summer season he served as set designer at the Black Hills Playhouse in Rapid City, South Dakota.

As we mourn the loss of our beloved colleague, we extend our heartfelt condolences to his mother, stepfather, and brothers.

Requested by:



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