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MEMORANDUM

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TO: AU Faculty and Staff

FROM: Monica C. Jackson, Interim Deputy Provost and Dean of Faculty

SUBJECT: CAS Associate Professor Andrea Tschemplik

I write with sad news of the sudden passing of CAS Associate Professor Andrea Tschemplik on August 21st. Professor Tschemplik completed her MA at Bryn Mawr College and PhD at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York. Before joining the faculty at AU in 2001 in the Department of Philosophy and Religion, Professor Tschemplik began her career at Upsala College where she attended one year after arriving in the US as an exchange student from Brensbach, Germany. In addition, Professor Tschemplik served as faculty at Hunter College CUNY, Upsala College, Drew University, and the George Washington University.

Professor Tschemplik was a specialist in Ancient Greek philosophy who worked as much with primary texts in ancient Greek and Latin as those in German and English. She introduced generations of students to the history of Western philosophy. Professor Tschemplik published books on Plato's *Republic* and *Theaetetus*, and a translation of Hegel's *Phenomenology of Spirit*. This year, she published a new and much lauded translation of Immanuel Kant's *Groundwork for the Metaphysics of Morals*. Professor Tschemplik was also at work on a project on the aesthetic dimensions of philosophy titled *Plato and Kant: The True, the Good and the Beautiful*.

A committed departmental and university citizen, Professor Tschemplik served as Director of the General Education program, Chair of the Committee on Faculty Grievances, Director of Undergraduate Studies in Philosophy, and as a member of a Senate sub-committee on Ethical Reasoning for the new Core, for which she also led a faculty learning community to support development of new courses. She led several groups of incoming first-year students to Thessaloniki, Greece, for intensive summer study that continued at AU for their first semester.

Andrea will be remembered especially for her exemplary teaching and for her abundant, mostly gentle, and always disarming humor. She is survived by her husband, Dr. James H. Stam, who taught philosophy as a Scholar-in-Residence at AU, her brother and sister-in-law, and a niece.

A memorial service will be announced at a future date, as well as a scholarship fund for first-generation AU students.

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