

In Memoriam - Siobhan Lane

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On behalf of family and close friends, the Office of Research Services is profoundly sad to announce the death of our long time colleague and friend, **Siobhan Lane**, on Wednesday, October 8 at the age of 44. Siobhan worked in the Office of Research Services until 2005, first as the University's only Research Grants Officer, then Assistant Director where she was responsible for the CFI and CRC programs - and continued to lend her expertise to the grant world. It is no exaggeration to say that she was probably one of the best, if not the best, known individuals in Dalhousie's research community. More important is what she was known for. Unfailingly cheerful, reassuringly knowledgeable and sensible, extraordinarily conscientious and intelligent she had been both a mainstay of the Research Office, and a friend and advisor to countless researchers.

Siobhan had a true gift at providing both encouragement and direction to those seeking to navigate for the first time what has become an almost bewildering maze of funding programs and agency rules. Her mix of kindness and honesty served her well when faced with someone who needed not only direction, but sometimes redirection from an unrealistic goal or infeasible path. If you had to sum her up, it would be as sort of a cross between Mother Theresa and the Auditor General (compassion, laced with tough realism). For 15 years, Siobhan devoted her time; energy and effort to helping researchers make the right choices.

Siobhan was also a graduate of Dalhousie obtaining her Masters in Library Science.

Siobhan leaves behind her husband Robert MacCleave and daughter Elizabeth. There is no funeral service. A date for a celebration of Siobhan's life will be announced shortly.