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Lara J. Moore

Former Irvine resident Lara J. Moore died of cancer July 20 at her home in Princeton, N.J. She was 32 and a history librarian at Princeton University. Miss Moore was born in Burlingame and was raised in Palm Springs and Irvine. She graduated from University High School in Irvine in 1988, where she was a class valedictorian and a National Merit Scholar. While at University High, she was drill team captain and a member of Girls’ League. She was also a member of National Charity League, according to her brother Clark Moore.

In 1992, she graduated summa cum laude with bachelor’s degrees in history and French from Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas. She was selected for Phi Beta Kappa and at graduation received awards for most outstanding student in French, most outstanding student in history and the Detweiler Prize for Excellence in Historical Writing. She went on to the University of California at Los Angeles, where in 1996 she received master’s degrees in history and in library and information science. While at UCLA she twice received the U.S. Department of Education Fellowship for Library Science. She also worked as a library assistant at the William Andrews Clark Memorial Library, as a cataloger at the Women’s Studies Reading Room, and as a reference desk assistant at the University Research Library.

Miss Moore then attended Stanford University and in 2000 received a doctorate in modern European history. Her doctoral dissertation, “Restoring Order: Archives, Libraries and the Legacy of the Old Regime in Nineteenth-Century France,” explored the relationship between bibliographic order and political order in post-revolutionary France. She was awarded a Fulbright grant for study in Paris, a research fellowship from the Bibliographical Society of America, and the Mabelle McLeod Lewis Fellowship. While at Stanford, she designed and taught an undergraduate seminar on historical research, taught a freshman writing course and developed the History Department’s first library orientation program for graduate students. She also worked as a reference desk assistant at Green Library.

After finishing her graduate degrees, Miss Moore accepted her position at Princeton University’s Firestone Library, where she developed the university’s history collections and provided research consultation to students and faculty. Celebration of her life was held Aug. 3 at Princeton University and was planned for Aug. 17 in Southern California. The family invited reminiscences, which may be sent to 13123 Muir Drive NW, Gig Harbor, Wash., 98332 or ellenmoore@centurytel.net. Donations in her memory may be made to Fox Chase Cancer Center, 333 Cottman Ave., Philadelphia, Pa. 19111-2497. Miss Moore is survived by her fiancé, David Gilman, of New York City; her parents, Ellen and Anthony Moore, of Gig Harbor; her brother, Clark Moore, of New York City; and her maternal grandparents, Edith and Leonard Berlin, of Mission Viejo.