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To Whom It May Concern:

I was a student of Dr. Tom Bishop during my enrollment at the Tulane School of Public Health & Tropical Medicine. During my time there, I worked on a Masters of Science in Public Health in the Environmental Health Sciences Department studying environmental toxicology. I enrolled in three of Dr. Bishop's classes, which included Fate & Transport of Environmental Chemicals in the spring of 2002 and departmental seminars in the springs of 2002 and 2003, receiving a grade of A in each course.

When I met Dr. Bishop at my orientation, I was first impressed by his electrifying enthusiasm for convincing me to take his elective class. He made me feel it would be beneficial for my education and immensely interesting to learn about how compounds move in the environment. I found his relaxed manner and sense of humor refreshing, which made me want to take his class even more. Once the class began, I realized that not only was this going to be the hardest material I had to learn in graduate school, but this was one of the hardest classes I would ever take as a student. Dr. Bishop had a wonderful ability to make the information not seem so overwhelming. He taught me how to pull out what's important in a given problem and be able to plug the right numbers into the correct equation to achieve the answer. He constantly reinforced the differences between academia and reality as well as the importance of understanding the theory behind the math. Dr. Bishop was eternally patient with the class's confused looks and always had time to explain things thoroughly until we were on the right track. Although the material was difficult, the manner in which Dr. Bishop taught the class always kept me interested in going forward by the way he constantly related the new information to what we had previously gone over.

I found Fate & Transport to be one of the most interesting classes I took at Tulane. It enhanced my problem solving abilities and gave me a better appreciation for physical chemistry. It became a class I looked forward to every week, because the way it continually enhanced my ideas about environmental toxicology and improved the way I think about how chemicals act in the environment. I consider Fate & Transport to be an integral part of the education I received at the School of Public Health. Dr. Bishop's style of teaching this particular class kept me interested week in and week out and was unique in the Environmental Health Sciences Department. I felt his relaxed manner and sense of humor was a refreshing change from the other classes I had taken. I will always remember my time spent under his direction and will take all that he taught with me for the rest of my life.

Sincerely,

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Re: Evaluation of the teaching of Dr. Tom Bishop

I am writing to relate my experiences as a student of Dr. Bishop. In the spring of 2001, I presented by Masters seminar (ENHS 700, grade: A-) with Dr. Bishop. In this class, we were provided with adequate information on the outline of a proper presentation, including the importance of eye contact and minimal wording on slides. Overall, his advice was beneficial and has aided me in the professional presentations I have made at conferences.

In the spring of 2002, I took Fate and Transport with Dr. Bishop (ENHS 764, grade: A). I must admit the class was one of the best I have taken in ENHS, and I have taken almost all of them. The mathematical portion of the material was difficult, but Dr. Bishop was able to explain it in a way that we could see the overall picture. It was surprising to me the degree of complaints issued by other students regarding the class. Yes, the material was advanced, but by no means impossible or unfair – we are after all in graduate school. The way Dr. Bishop presented the material was clear and concise; a teaching method that students appreciate. He exhibited patience in explaining complicated scenarios and potentially confusing mathematical calculations. He was also made himself available to answer questions, of which we were extremely grateful. This class challenged me, and that was a rarity in this department. The only other classes in ENHS that I believe are on the same level are Advanced Environmental Engineering Lab – Unit Operations (ENHS 753) and Environmental Chemistry (ENHS 754). Overall, I would highly recommend taking the class to anyone with a science background.

In general, Dr. Bishop has exhibited a teaching style conducive to learning and understanding the material presented. His enthusiasm for his field is contagious, and his willingness to make time for his students, a precious commodity. He is an asset not only to the department, but also the university as a whole.

Sincerely,



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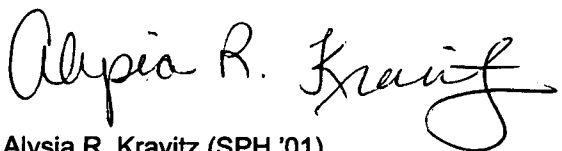
Dear Dr. Bishop,

In Spring 2001, I completed your "Fate and Transport of Toxic Substances in the Environment" (ENHS 764) class and earned an "A". Despite concentrating in Environmental Policy, I chose to take "Fate and Transport" as an elective because of the pleasant experience I had in Fall 2000 when I took the ENHS departmental seminar, for which you were the faculty advisor. I learned a lot by talking with you about the various topics presented in the seminar, and I was impressed by your enthusiasm and obvious interest in interacting with students.

Though I enjoyed it, "Fate and Transport" was a challenging class due to its technical nature. Despite this, I attribute my success to your patience and willingness to work me until I understood the lecture material and could solve problems in the textbook without any assistance. In the five years I was a student at Tulane University (4 years in Newcomb College and 1 year at the School of Public Health), there were many classes I thought were interesting and challenging, but a fewer number of professors who took an active interest in my academic career and were always available to offer extra assistance and guidance. You were one of those professors, and your positive impact is still felt in my professional career.

I wish you the best in all your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alysia R. Kravitz". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

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