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## In Memoriam

### Kamerin Lauren, Ph.D.

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Dr. Lauren had a heart to rediscover biblical restorative justice. She wrote in her dissertation: *"The law according to God, as revealed through Jesus is merciful, it is ethical, and it considers all people. Justice is not intended solely for the ruling class, but rather is in place to protect those without power."*

What a wonderful perspective as we consider our 2020 issue.



Dr. Kamerin Lauren was a beloved member of the School of Business & Leadership, as she pursued her Ph.D. in Organizational Leadership program. She completed her doctoral studies with great excellence amid great suffering. She was - and shall remain - an inspiration to all who had the pleasure of knowing her. Dr. Lauren left an impact on the School of Business & Leadership and she will never be forgotten. Her life and legacy will forever be connected to God's unfolding plan at and through Regent University. *Christian Leadership to Change the World.*

- Dr. Doris Gomez

Kamerin was among the great students whom one recognizes as capable of great insights and developments to the field of organizational leadership. I was equally impressed with your kind and considerate communication style -- she demonstrated respect and love for everyone. She will be sorely missed.

- Dr. Bruce Winston

Dr. Kamerin Lauren emulated passion - passion for Christ, passion for social justice, passion to learn, passion to keep growing and dreaming and stretching for higher. She didn't dabble in anything. If it interested her, she was all in - swimming in it, soaking in it. And she didn't want to do any of it in a vacuum. She wanted to love and live and learn in community. She wanted to glean from others and invest what she had in their growth, too. She "pressed on toward the goal" with her eye always, always on the prize. My heart is overjoyed when I think of her passion now culminating with seeing her beloved Jesus face to face, and finally seeing him fully, knowing him as she is known. May we honor her legacy with a passion so contagious, and a hunger to live and love and learn that makes others long to join us. Well done, good and faithful servant. Your passion is still with us, and in Christ, you're really not so very far away.

- Dr. MaryJo Burchard

Dr. Kamerin S. Lauren was indeed a model of resilience. Overcoming a stroke and subsequently battling brain cancer, Dr. Lauren finished a rigorous Ph.D. program, literally one-handed. I never heard one complaint about her health, nor did she show any signs of wavering from accomplishing her educational goals. Her life was one of determination that is a shining example for all of us to follow as we consider the difficulties that may come our way. She inspired all of us fortunate enough to call her classmate and friend, to finish the race set before us. I pray that her work and legacy will continue to encourage us all.

- Dr. Mark Shannon

Kamerin is my hero. Her life was a reflection of the grace of God and the power of the Spirit. I will cherish our time together in the "Facebook cohort" of Fall 2013 and am honored to have known her as a dear friend. Her work on restorative justice was profound and I'll do my best to carry it on.

- Dr. Carlo Serrano

As a professor and dissertation chair, I love all of my students deeply. I pour everything I have into them. Sometimes, there are a few who are really special to you. For me, Kamerin Lauren was one of those students. I never knew her before her brain cancer and strokes. But, I was blessed to spend a year-and-a-half mentoring a person who literally wrote her dissertation with one hand. Our quick calls ended up being 45-minute discussions. I was continually amazed by her determination. Even until her last weeks she continued to push to make the world a better place. She served our academic community as contributing author and as one of our JBPL review board members. I never understood how she could fight brain cancer and still work and publish. I know that she was an inspiration to all who knew her - and especially to me. I love you Kamerin - we all love you. Rest in hope weary pilgrim. You have reached your great reward.

- Dr. Joshua Henson