

Much loved co-worker, Corrina Ewan (née Giesbrecht), passes away June 14, 2018

Corrina Ewan came to UVic as an undergraduate student, completing her BSc in chemistry in 1996. Soon after, in January 1997, Corrina was hired as a laboratory instructor with the Department of Chemistry. Between 1997 and 2000, she was appointed on a term-by-term basis, supporting first, second and third year laboratory classes, as needed. Corrina was organized, talented and seemed to be able to accomplish any task, no matter how complex or large it was.

In September 2000, Corrina's position was revised to be a continuing PEA appointment as a "Scientific Assistant". By this time she was married to Mike, and expecting their first child, Shannon. Over the next few years their family grew, with Elise's arrival in 2004 and Sophia's birth in 2006. As you can imagine Corrina became a very busy mom, her family was always number one, but even so she continued to provide outstanding service to the Department of Chemistry.

Corrina was a fast learner, flexible, and was able to juggle a wide variety of tasks. She worked magic in the labs, to be sure, but she also served on a variety of committees and working groups, assisted with the coordination of lecture classes, and became our go-to person for anything to do with preparing chemistry demonstrations and shows. Her dedication and talents led to a much deserved promotion to "Chemistry Course Coordinator" on May 1, 2018.

Corrina's bright smile and wonderful ways will be greatly missed by all. We will always remember her.