

Meredith Gould

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Officially noted as “lost” by the College, as she had not been heard from in years, word eventually reached South Hadley in 2010 of her death from a brain tumor in March of 2006. Following MHC, she earned a Ph.D. in biology at Stanford University, and completed post-doc work at the University of Washington in Seattle and the University of British Columbia in Vancouver. At the time of her death, she was a professor and lecturer in the Section of Cell and Developmental Biology at USCD.

She was a former faculty member at the Universidad Autonoma de Baja California (UABC) in Ensenada (from 1986 - 2002). There, she dedicated a large amount of time and energy to bring modern techniques in biology to her students. Meredith was elected as a Fellow to the American Association for the Advancement of Science in 1997 for her work on invertebrate egg fertilization and development. Over 50 of her papers were published in the top peer-reviewed journals in her field. One of her students said of her - “Flat out, this professor was the most kind, helpful teacher I have ever had in my entire academic career!” - a sentiment echoed by many other students quoted in her obituary, which lists her only survivor as her husband, George N. Somero.