VISITING PROFESSOR AT DUKE’S FUQUA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS DIES

DURHAM, N.C. -- Ya Yang, a 28-year-old professor at Duke University’s Fuqua School of Business, died Sunday at Duke Hospital from injuries she received in a Sept. 30 car accident in Durham.

Yang came to Duke shortly after receiving her Ph.D. in operations research from Columbia University in New York. She also held a master’s of science degree in operations research from Columbia. She received her bachelor’s of science degree in computer science in 1993 from the University of Science and Technology of China in Hefei, China. She had been a teaching assistant at Columbia before she was hired by Duke.

Yang, who held the position of visiting assistant professor, taught operations management at Fuqua since September 1998.

“We are all very saddened at the loss of Professor Yang. We have lost a beloved colleague, friend and teacher. Our hearts go out to her family and loved ones,” said Fuqua Dean Rex D. Adams.

Yang worked as a member of the technical staff at GTE Laboratories Inc. and at Paragon Management System. Yang was a member of the Institute for Operations Research and Management Sciences.

Surviving are her parents, Gusheng and Shixing Yang of Guiyang Guizhou, China; and a sister, Ying Yang of New Jersey.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 15, in Fuqua’s Geneen Auditorium, in the school’s East Building.

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