

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Susan Hautaniemi Leonard, Ph.D., associate research scientist in the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research, Institute for Social Research, retired from active faculty status on November 30, 2023.

Dr. Hautaniemi Leonard received her B.A. in 1990, her M.A. in 1992, and her Ph.D. in 2002. She received these degrees from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Dr. Hautaniemi Leonard joined the University of Michigan in 2001 as a research fellow in the Population Research Center and the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) at the Institute for Social Research (ISR). She was then promoted as a research investigator in 2003 at ICPSR, and to associate research scientist in 2014 at ICPSR.

Dr. Hautaniemi Leonard has made numerous important contributions to the University of Michigan and to the interdisciplinary field of historical demography. Dr. Hautaniemi Leonard's research focuses on mortality and wealth inequality in the 19th century United States, as well as on aging, migration, and settlement dynamics in the U.S. Great Plains. She taught historical demography for many years in the ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods, and she led the Michigan Historical Demography Workshop Series during the mid-2010s. Dr. Hautaniemi Leonard served as a member of ISR's DEI Faculty Working Group from 2019 through 2023. Beyond this valuable service at the University of Michigan, Dr. Hautaniemi Leonard has made many contributions to the scholarly community in historical demography. Dr. Hautaniemi Leonard was co-editor of the journal *Continuity and Change* for the past 10 years, and she served on the editorial board of the journal *Social Science History* from 2018-2023. Dr. Hautaniemi Leonard has been a member of the Social Science History Association since 1995, during which time she presented at the SSHA's annual conference more than 20 times; she was awarded the Founder's Prize for the best article published in the association's journal in 2016.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Susan Hautaniemi Leonard, associate research scientist emerita, Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research.**

Requested by:



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