THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement
Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Mary L. Trepanier-Street, Ed.D., professor of education in the School of Education, University of Michigan-Dearborn, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2011.

Professor Trepanier-Street received her B.A. degree from Marygrove College in 1971, her M.Ed. degree from Miami University in 1972, and her Ed.D. degree from the University of Rochester in 1978. She joined the University of Michigan-Dearborn faculty as an instructor in 1977, and was promoted to assistant professor in 1978, associate professor in 1983, and professor in 1990.

Professor Trepanier-Street has a distinguished record of accomplishments as a teacher and scholar. She devoted much of her career to the preparation of early childhood educators, teaching early childhood education courses based on the Reggio Emilia approach to the education and development of the whole child. She has been an advocate for ensuring that all prospective elementary teachers learn the basic principles of early childhood education. Professor Trepanier-Street's research focus included gender equity, early childhood education for children with and without disabilities, and college students' mentoring of young children at risk. She authored or co-authored nearly 50 articles and book chapters on many aspects of teacher education, child development, and the education of children with special needs.

Professor Trepanier-Street's administrative contributions include serving as associate dean of the School of Education (2007-10), director of student teaching (2007-10), and director of the Early Childhood Education Center (1995-2007). Her leadership of the Early Childhood Education Center raised its visibility and prominence throughout the state. Professor Trepanier-Street served on and chaired numerous committees, led cooperative programs and projects involving local school districts, and served on advisory boards for community organizations. She received the Dearborn campus's Distinguished Faculty Service Award in 2009, and was named Child Advocate of the Year by Child's Hope in 2011.

The Regents now salute this distinguished educator for her dedicated service by naming Mary L. Trepanier-Street professor emerita of education.

Requested by:

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