

# THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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## ACTION REQUEST

**Subject:** Report of Faculty Retirement

**Action Requested:** Adoption of Retirement Memoir

**Cynthia S. Pomerleau, Ph.D.**, research professor in the Department of Psychiatry and in the University of Michigan Substance Abuse Research Center, Medical School, will retire from active faculty status on April 30, 2009.

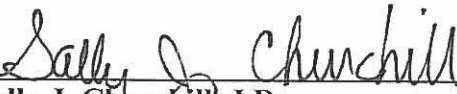
Professor Pomerleau received her B.A. degree from Smith College in 1964, her M.A. degree from Columbia University in 1966, her Ph.D. degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1974, and a second M.A. degree from the University of Hartford in 1985. She joined the University of Michigan Department of Psychiatry in 1985 as a research associate and director of the Nicotine Research Laboratory in the Behavioral Medicine Program and was promoted to senior research associate in 1993, assistant research scientist in 1994, senior research scientist in 2003, and research professor in 2004. In 1997 she was appointed assistant research scientist in the University of Michigan Substance Abuse Research Center (UMSARC); she was promoted to senior associate research scientist in 1998 and research professor in 2008.

As director of the Nicotine Research Laboratory, Professor Pomerleau has received national and international recognition for her sponsored research on smoking and nicotine dependence. She has focused particularly on the impact of smoking on women, including its effect on the menstrual cycle, post-cessation weight gain, and depression. She has produced more than 100 peer-reviewed scientific publications, including parts of the *2001 Surgeon General's Report on Smoking in Women*. She is sole author, coauthor, or coeditor of four books, with a fifth in preparation.

Within the Medical School, Professor Pomerleau has served on the operating committee of the UMSARC and on the Advisory Committee on Primary Research Appointments, Promotions, and Titles. She is a council member of the University of Michigan Chapter of Sigma Xi, the national scientific honor society. Within the broader scientific community, she is a charter member of the Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco and founding editor of its newsletter. She is a fellow of Divisions 28, 38, and 50 of the American Psychological Association and served as editor of the Division 28 Newsletter.

The Regents now salute this distinguished scholar by naming **Cynthia S. Pomerleau research professor emerita**.

**Requested by:**

  
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**Sally J. Churchill, J.D.**  
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