

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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ACTION REQUEST

June 18, 2009

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Ann F. Whall, Ph.D., professor of nursing in the School of Nursing, and faculty associate, Institute of Gerontology, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2009.

Professor Whall received her B.S.N., M.S.N., and Ph.D. degrees from Wayne State University in 1963, 1965, and 1978, respectively, and was a faculty member at Wayne State University from 1978-85. She joined the University of Michigan faculty as professor of nursing in 1985.

Professor Whall's research interests were centered on geriatric nursing, dementia care, and the role of implicit memory in maintaining functioning in dementia. She investigated nursing approaches to the behavior of cognitively impaired nursing home residents, expert nurses' use of implicit memory with the cognitively impaired, and aggression in dementia including the background and proximal factors. Within the School of Nursing, Professor Whall developed and taught courses on theory development and on gerontological nursing. She was a generous and active mentor of doctoral students and supervised a sizeable number of master's student research papers. She has been a faculty associate with the Institute of Gerontology since 1993, and for many years was associate director for nursing at the University of Michigan Geriatrics Center. She also served on the School of Nursing Executive Committee, the University-wide Medical Affairs Committee, and the Geriatrics Center Administrative Committee. In addition to her other contributions, Professor Whall received an award from the Fulbright International Scholars Program in 2001, where she worked with the University of Ulster in Northern Ireland on the use of video-teleconferencing for guest class lectures in graduate nursing classes at the University of Ulster and the University of Michigan.

The Regents now salute this distinguished nursing educator for her dedicated service by naming **Ann F. Whall professor emerita of nursing**.

Requested by:



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