

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Merle J. Jaarda, D.D.S., associate professor of dentistry in the School of Dentistry, will retire from active faculty status on August 31, 2009.

Dr. Jaarda received his B.S. degree from Calvin College in 1968, and his D.D.S. and M.S. degrees from the University of Michigan in 1972 and 1976, respectively. He was an assistant professor at the University of Michigan School of Dentistry from 1976-77, at Oral Roberts University from 1978-86, and at the University of Nebraska from 1987-89. He returned to the University of Michigan School of Dentistry in 1989 as a lecturer in the Department of Prosthodontics, and was promoted to assistant professor in 1991 and professor in the Department of Biologic and Materials Sciences in 1997.

Dr. Jaarda's interests have focused on improving preclinical dental education, as demonstrated by his service on several committees within the School of Dentistry. He also worked tirelessly on behalf of the newly renovated and computerized preclinical laboratory, where students practice techniques on mannequins, and he practiced dentistry in the Dental Faculty Associates Clinic. He was named Instructor of the Year in 1994 by the third-year dental class and Instructor of the Year in 2009 by the second-year dental class.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Merle J. Jaarda** **associate professor emeritus of dentistry**.

Requested by:



Sally J. Churchill, J.D.

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