

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Jacquelynn S. Eccles, Ph.D., Wilbert McKeachie and Paul Pintrich Distinguished University Professor of Psychology and Education, professor of psychology and women's studies in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, professor of education in the School of Education, research professor in the Research Center for Group Dynamics, and research professor in the Institute for Research on Women and Gender, will retire from active faculty status on August 31, 2014.

Professor Eccles received her B.A. degree from the University of California, Berkeley in 1966 and her Ph.D. degree from the University of California, Los Angeles in 1974. She joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1977, and was promoted to associate professor in 1981, and professor in 1986. Professor Eccles was appointed the Wilbert J. McKeachie Collegiate Professor of Psychology in 1998 and the Wilbert McKeachie and Paul Pintrich Distinguished University Professor of Psychology and Education in 2009.

Professor Eccles conducted research on a wide variety of topics including gender-role socialization, teacher expectancies, classroom influences on student motivation, and social development in the family and school context. One of the leading developmental scientists of her generation, she has made seminal contributions to the study of achievement-related decisions and development. Most notably, her expectancy-value theory of motivation and her concept of stage-environment have served as perhaps the most dominant models of achievement during the school years, contributing to extensive research and reform efforts to improve the nature of secondary school transitions. Professor Eccles also has been a major figure in the study of after-school activities, authoring an influential National Research Council report that outlined the most effective ways for such activities to meet the developmental needs of adolescents. Professor Eccles has been a role model for women in science and a leader in her field.

The Regents now salute this distinguished scholar by naming **Jacquelynn S. Eccles Wilbert McKeachie and Paul Pintrich Distinguished University Professor Emerita of Psychology and Education, professor emerita of psychology and women's studies, and research professor emerita.**

Requested by:



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