

# THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

*Regents Communication*

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Regents  
July 16, 2015**

## ACTION REQUEST

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**


**Cynthia L. Fenske, D.N.P.**, clinical assistant professor of nursing in the School of Nursing, retired from active faculty status on June 30, 2015.

Professor Fenske received her B.S.N. degree from Valparaiso University in 1979, her M.S. degree from the University of Michigan in 1983, and her D.N.P. degree from Oakland University in 2013. Professor Fenske joined the University of Michigan faculty as an instructor in 1983, and was promoted to lecturer in 1988, and clinical associate professor in 2013.

A leader in the field of nursing, Professor Fenske studied the development of clinical judgement, the assessment and prevention of delirium, and the utilization of innovative teaching methodologies. She explored a variety of teaching strategies including using problem based learning, teaching with a virtual community, and creating various types of simulations to enhance clinical judgment skills in students and practicing nurses. She received several educational grants, developed a variety of simulations for the Clinical Learning Center, and was a frequent invited speaker. A gifted instructor and dedicated mentor, Professor Fenske taught courses on adult illness, the fundamentals of nursing, and health assessment. She is a member of the International Nursing Association for Clinical Simulation and Learning, the National League for Nursing, and the Society for Simulation in Healthcare.

The Regents now salute this distinguished nursing educator for her dedicated service by naming **Cynthia L. Fenske, clinical assistant professor emerita of nursing**.

**Requested by:**



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

**Vice President and Secretary of the University**

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