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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

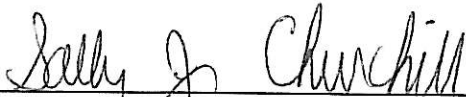
Kathryn M. Anderson-Levitt, Ph.D., professor of anthropology and former dean of the College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, University of Michigan-Dearborn, retired from active faculty status on June 30, 2011.

Professor Anderson-Levitt received her B.A degree from the University of Southern California in 1974, and her M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Stanford University in 1977 and 1982, respectively. She joined the University of Michigan-Dearborn faculty as an assistant professor in 1984, and was promoted to associate professor in 1990, and professor in 1996. She served as associate dean (2001-03), interim dean (2003-04), and dean (2004-10) of the College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters (CASL).

Professor Anderson-Levitt's scholarship has earned national and international recognition. Her research interests include educational reform in a global context, schoolteachers' cultures for teaching, gender, and schooling in West Africa, and cultural models of mental retardation. She published widely in these areas, and from 1994-2000, she was editor of the *Anthropology and Education Quarterly*, the journal of the Council on Anthropology and Education. During her tenure as associate dean, Professor Anderson-Levitt led the development of new undergraduate programs, managed college-wide programs, and led college-wide assessment efforts. As dean, she developed the First-Year Seminar Program and expanded gender-related initiatives, including the CASL Student Outreach and Academic Resources (SOAR) and Women in Leadership and Learning (WILL) programs. Her leadership was pivotal in re-structuring the humanities department and in reorganizing the CASL budgeting process. She was a strong advocate for diversity on campus.

The Regents now salute this distinguished scholar, educator, and administrator for her dedicated service by naming **Kathryn M. Anderson-Levitt professor emerita of anthropology**.

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