

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

*Regents Communication*

**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

**J. Rebecca Liu, M.D.**, associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2023.

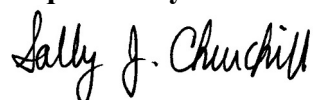
Dr. Liu received her M.D. degree from Vanderbilt University in 1991 and completed her obstetrics and gynecology residency at Duke University in 1995. Dr. Liu completed her gynecologic oncology fellowship at the University of Michigan in 1999 and joined the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology faculty as a lecturer. She was promoted to assistant professor in 2001 and associate professor in 2008.

Dr. Liu has been active in the educational activities of the division of gynecologic oncology providing didactic and practical instruction in cancer biology, clinical gynecologic oncology and surgical techniques for learners. She served as a research advisor and mentor to trainees, many of whom received awards for their work in her laboratory. She mentored graduate students in the psychology and pathology departments, serving on their thesis committees, providing research and career advice. She received the Howard R. Williams, MD Award for being an outstanding women's health educator within an APGO/CREOG department at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital (SJM) in 2017, and the Charles W. Newton Medical Student Educator Award at SJM in 2022.

Her research focused on elucidating the mechanism of chemoresistance and alterations in apoptotic pathways in epithelial ovarian cancer. She received funding from the American Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the National Cancer Institute (NCI), the Department of Defense, the Gynecologic Cancer Foundation, and the Ovarian Cancer Research Fund. In 2016, Dr. Liu took the lead in the collaborative Michigan Medicine/Trinity gynecologic oncology service at SJM and served as PI for the Michigan Cancer Research Consortium (MCRC), which includes 45 affiliate and sub-affiliate hospitals. In 2022, she received the SILVER Certificate of Excellence from MCRC and the NCI Community Oncology Research Program.

The Regents now salute this distinguished scholar and surgeon by naming **J. Rebecca Liu, associate professor emerita of obstetrics and gynecology.**

**Requested by:**



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