

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Laura M. Struble, Ph.D., clinical professor of nursing in the School of Nursing, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2023.

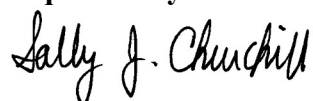
Professor Struble received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from Northern Michigan University in 1979. She received her Master of Science in Nursing and Doctor of Philosophy in nursing degrees from the University of Michigan in 1983 and 1995, respectively. Professor Struble is a Registered Nurse (RN) and Gerontological Nurse Practitioner (GNP). She was appointed as a lecturer in the University of Michigan (U-M) School of Nursing in 2001 and later accepted a position as clinical assistant professor in 2007. She was promoted to clinical associate professor in 2015 and clinical professor in 2021.

Professor Struble is an admirable teacher who is committed to helping her students succeed. She maintains a collaborative clinical practice at the Turner Geriatric Clinic and at an assisted living facility where she treats older adults with mental illness and dementia and provides support and education to both professional and family caregivers. Professor Struble offers interdisciplinary clinical experiences to nurse practitioner students, medical students and psychiatry fellows using innovative dementia care interventions. In the classroom, she developed didactic education at the advanced level on acute and chronic care, health education, and health promotion for older adults in using innovative, interactive and experiential strategies. She is currently conducting research on the use of laser acupuncture as a possible treatment for agitation behaviors in people with Alzheimer's and/or vascular dementia.

Professor Struble has established a program of scholarship in the areas of neurology, dementia, and the care of older adults. Assisting with the nation-wide concern for health professionals to provide competent care for older adults, she serves as the gerontology curriculum expert for the advanced practice nursing programs at the school. She is an experienced nurse practitioner and is on the geriatric psychiatry team at Michigan Medicine. She has a unique perspective and helps students, clinicians and caregivers understand why difficult behaviors occur in older adults with neurodegenerative conditions based on the patient's brain disease, psycho/social issues, and physical conditions. Her practice research emphasizes non-pharmacological interventions. She translates clinical research into real-world practice settings. She has made geriatrics and dementia care her life's work through clinical practice, education, and research. Professor Struble contributes to service in the academic and professional communities.

The Regents now salute this distinguished nursing educator for her dedicated service by naming **Laura M. Struble, clinical professor emerita of nursing**.

Requested by:



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