THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement
Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Betsy Lozoff, M.D., M.S., professor of pediatrics and communicable diseases in the Medical School, professor of environmental health sciences in the School of Public Health, and research professor in the Center for Human Growth and Development, retired from active faculty status on January 15, 2018.

Dr. Lozoff received her B.A. (1965) degree from Radcliffe College and her M.D. (1971) and M.S. (1981) degrees from Case Western Reserve University. She was an intern (1971-72), a junior assistant resident (1972-73), and a senior assistant resident (1973-74) at the Rainbow Babies and Children’s Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio. Dr. Lozoff held a number of positions at Case Western Reserve University, including assistant professor, associate professor, and professor. She joined the University of Michigan faculty as a professor in the Department of Pediatrics and Communicable Diseases and research scientist in the Center for Human Growth and Development (CHGD) in 1993. Dr. Lozoff was promoted to senior research scientist (now research professor) in 1997. She has held an additional appointment in the School of Public Health since 2000. She served as director of the CHGD from 1993-2004.

Dr. Lozoff’s research career focused primarily on the brain and behavioral effects of iron deficiency and iron deficiency anemia during early development. She secured uninterrupted support from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for over 37 years. Dr. Lozoff was the principal investigator for the University’s first NIH Minority International Research Training Grant from 1993-94. She authored 135 peer-reviewed publications, published 16 book chapters, and delivered numerous commentaries and abstract publications at scientific meetings. Dr. Lozoff served on the editorial boards of the Journal of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics (1996-2006) and Infancy (1998-2001). She was a reviewer for the NIH Human Development and Aging Study Section, the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development’s Maternal and Child Health Research Committee, and a number of other funding entities. A remarkable educator, Dr. Lozoff mentored a generation of scholars, postdoctoral fellows, medical students, residents, and fellows from pediatrics and other disciplines.

The Regents now salute this distinguished researcher, teacher, and clinician by naming Betsy Lozoff, professor emerita of pediatrics and communicable diseases and professor emerita of environmental health sciences.

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