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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

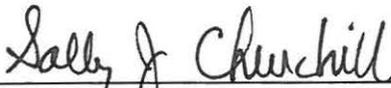
Edith A. Lewis, Ph.D., associate professor of social work in the School of Social Work and associate professor of women's studies in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, will retire from active faculty status on March 31, 2014.

Professor Lewis received her B.A. and M.S.W. degrees from the University of Minnesota in 1973 and 1975, respectively, and her Ph.D. degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1985. She joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1985, and was promoted to associate professor in 1991. From 1991-92, she served as interim assistant dean for student services in the School of Social Work.

Professor Lewis studied the methods used by women of color to offset personal, familial, community, and professional role strain. Her research sought to critically examine strengths within African-American women's communities; the intersections of gender and ethnicity; intervention outcomes for pregnant, substance-dependent women; multiple role strains of faculty women; multicultural organizational development; and the successful methods used by Ghanaian women in community development projects. Professor Lewis edited, authored, or co-authored numerous journal articles and books including *Multicultural Teaching in the University* (1993) and *Empowering Practice with Women of Color* (1999). She taught courses in the areas of ethno-conscious social work methods, global social work practice, group process, family theory, behavioral theory and interventions, community and social system methods, and feminist practice. Throughout her career, Professor Lewis was an advocate for pedagogy appropriate for multicultural groups and the empowerment of minorities in higher education. She played an instrumental role in the University's Fair Teach Program, the Women of Color in the Academy Project, and an international collaboration between the School of Social Work, the Ghana Association of Social Workers, and the University of Ghana's Department of Social Work Administration. Professor Lewis received numerous awards and recognitions including the Women of Color Task Force's Woman of the Year in Leadership (1993), a Fulbright Research and Teaching Fellowship (1995), and the Center for the Education of Women's Carol Hollenshead Award for Excellence in Promoting Equity and Social Change (2011).

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Edith A. Lewis** associate professor emerita of social work and associate professor emerita of women's studies.

Requested by:



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