

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Carol F. Karlsen, Ph.D., professor of history and women's studies in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, will retire from active faculty status on May 31, 2011.

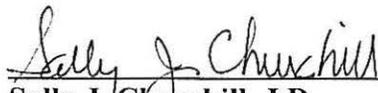
Professor Karlsen received her B.A. degree from the University of Maryland in 1970, her M.A. degree from New York University in 1972, and her Ph.D. degree from Yale University in 1980. From 1982-85, she was a faculty member at Bard College. She joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1985, and was promoted to associate professor in 1988 and professor in 2005.

A noted scholar of U.S. history, Professor Karlsen specialized in early American social and cultural history, American women's history, and the history of witchcraft. Her book, *The Devil in the Shape of a Woman: Witchcraft in Colonial New England*, published in 1987, is a path-breaking study that continues to be assigned in classrooms across the nation. Professor Karlsen elaborated on her findings in contributions to textbooks, encyclopedia entries, and review essays. She was a co-editor of *The Journal of Esther Edwards Burr* and the general editor of the "Pages from History" series published by Oxford University Press. Professor Karlsen has held distinguished fellowships from the American Council of Learned Societies, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Guggenheim Foundation.

Professor Karlsen taught undergraduate and graduate courses in history, American culture, and women's studies. She served on the Joint History and Women's Studies Ph.D. Program Committee, a number of Rackham committees, and numerous history department committees. She has been a member of the editorial collective for *Gender & History*, an evaluator for Mellon-ACLS and Ford Foundation fellowships, and a delegate to the American Council of Learned Societies.

The Regents now salute this distinguished teacher and researcher by naming **Carol F. Karlsen professor emerita of history and women's studies**.

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