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**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

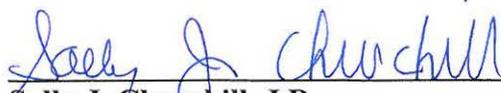
**Kathleen May Lawton Coulborn Faller, Ph.D.**, Marion Elizabeth Blue Endowed Professor of Children and Families and professor of social work in the School of Social Work, will retire from active faculty status on May 31, 2014.

Professor Faller received her A.B. degree from Oberlin College in 1963 and her M.S.W. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Michigan in 1971 and 1981, respectively. She joined the University of Michigan faculty as a lecturer in 1977, and was promoted to assistant professor in 1982, associate professor in 1988, and professor in 1992. She was named the Marion Elizabeth Blue Endowed Professor of Children and Families in 2006.

Professor Faller's scholarly work and teaching focused on the arena of child welfare. Her work sought to address a broad range of issues including controversies of interviewing children about sexual abuse, the co-morbidity of child maltreatment and parental substance abuse, domestic violence, cultural competence in child welfare, and child welfare workforce issues. In 1985, she founded the Family Assessment Clinic with the University of Michigan Health System. In 1990, the clinic was moved to the School of Social Work and she has been the director since that time. More recently, Professor Faller has served as the primary investigator of the University's site of the National Child Welfare Workforce Institute. She authored numerous articles in the leading scholarly publications and generously shared her time and expertise as a lecturer and consultant at the local, national, and international levels. She was the recipient of numerous honors including the School of Social Work's Distinguished Faculty Award (2010), the National Children's Advocacy Center's Outstanding Lifetime Achievement Award (2011), and the Michigan Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers' Lifetime Achievement Award (2012).

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Kathleen May Lawton Coulborn Faller professor emerita of social work.**

**Requested by:**



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