

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir


Judith Spencer Olson, Ph.D., Richard W. Pew Collegiate Professor of Human-Computer Interaction, professor of information, and associate dean for academic affairs, School of Information, professor of computer and information systems, Stephen M. Ross School of Business, and professor of psychology, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, will retire from active faculty status on June 30, 2008.

Professor Olson received her B.A. degree from Northwestern University in 1965 and her Ph.D. degree from the University of Michigan in 1969. Following a postdoctoral fellowship at Stanford University, she joined the University of Michigan faculty in 1970 as a lecturer in the Department of Psychology, where she was promoted to assistant professor in 1972 and associate professor in 1976. In 1980, she left the University to work at Bell Laboratories but returned to the faculty in 1983 as associate professor of computer and information systems in the Stephen M. Ross School of Business and adjunct associate professor of psychology. She was promoted to professor of computer and information systems and professor of psychology in 1990 and was named professor of information in the School of Information in 1995. She was appointed Richard W. Pew Collegiate Professor of Human-Computer Interaction in 2001 and has served as associate dean for academic affairs since 2006.

Professor Olson is recognized as a leading scholar in the fields of human-computer interaction and collaboration. She has an excellent record of securing research funding, has published over 110 articles and book chapters, and has served on a number of journal editorial boards. In 1978, she received the AMOCO Award for Outstanding Teaching, recognizing her contributions as a teacher and mentor of undergraduate students. In 2006, she was awarded (jointly with Gary M. Olson) the CHI Lifetime Achievement Award from SIGCHI (Special Interest Group on Computer-Human Interaction) of the Association for Computing Machinery, acknowledging her leadership and lifetime impact on the field of human-computer interaction and contributions to the development of the science of collaboration.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Judith Spencer Olson professor emerita of information, professor emerita of computer and information systems, and professor emerita of psychology.**

Requested by:



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