

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

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


Barbara-Jean Sullivan, Ph.D., clinical assistant professor of nursing in the School of Nursing, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2012.

Professor Sullivan received her B.S.N. degree from Fitchburg State College in 1973, her M.S.N. degree from Yale University in 1976, and her M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in clinical psychology from the University of Michigan in 1983 and 1987, respectively. She received a School Psychology Specialist degree from the University of Detroit Mercy in 2000. Professor Sullivan joined the University of Michigan faculty as a lecturer in 1985, and was promoted to assistant professor in 1987, and left the University to complete postdoctoral work as a clinical psychologist in 1987. She returned to the School of Nursing faculty as a lecturer in 2002, and was promoted to clinical assistant professor in 2007.

Professor Sullivan's scholarly endeavors reflect her experience as a neurosurgical intensive care nurse and her many years of clinical practice. The theme of "life adjustment" to illness, trauma, and loss has been central to her research on self-esteem and depression in adolescents with diabetes, and couples coping with sudden infant death syndrome. Her more recent work focused on caregivers of heart failure patients and cognitive health in the elderly. Professor Sullivan was a gifted teacher and taught psychiatric mental health nursing in the undergraduate, second career, and graduate programs. She combined her extensive clinical experience, her relationship-focused nursing perspective, and her expertise in brain function and cognition to create an unparalleled learning experience for her students.

The Regents now salute this distinguished nursing educator and practitioner for her dedicated service by naming **Barbara-Jean Sullivan clinical assistant professor emerita of nursing**.

Requested by:



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