Srinika (Siri) Jayaratne, Ph.D., professor of social work in the School of Social Work, will retire from active faculty status on May 31, 2009.

Professor Jayaratne received his B.A. degree from the University of California, Riverside, in 1968, and his M.S.W. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Michigan in 1971 and 1975, respectively. He was an assistant professor at Washington State University from 1974-76, and at the University of Oklahoma from 1976-79. He joined the University of Michigan faculty in 1979 as an associate professor of social work and was promoted to professor in 1987.

Within the School of Social Work, Professor Jayaratne served as assistant dean for research from 1990-93, associate dean from 1993-2002, and associate dean of faculty affairs from 2004-2008. In 2008, he was honored with a Fulbright Award to continue his research and study in Sri Lanka. His research interests included program and clinical evaluation; job satisfaction, work stress, and burnout experienced by social workers; ethics and professional conduct; and organizational behavior. He has served as investigator or co-investigator on over a dozen research projects, has published extensively, including journal articles, books, and book chapters, and has presented worldwide. Professor Jayaratne has served on numerous editorial boards and has been a valued contributor on the local, state, national, and international levels.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming Srinika (Siri) Jayaratne professor emeritus of social work.

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