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**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

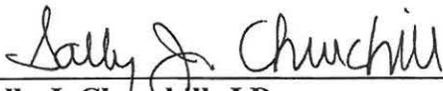
**Anne C. Herrmann, Ph.D.**, professor of English language and literature and professor of women's studies in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, will retire from active faculty status on May 31, 2013.

Professor Herrmann received her B.A. degree from Stanford University in 1974, her Liz.Phil. degree from the University of Zürich in 1978, and her Ph.D. degree from Yale University in 1983. She joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1983, and was promoted to associate professor in 1989, and professor in 2001.

Professor Herrmann's scholarly work lies at the intersection of three fields that are fundamental to the disciplines of English and women's studies: modernist literary criticism, feminist theory, and queer theory. She authored a groundbreaking study of modernist culture from the perspective of queer theory, *Queering the Moderns: Poses/Portraits/Performances* (2000), in addition to an earlier book that pioneered feminist applications of the literary theories of M. M. Bakhtin, *The Dialogic and Difference: "An/Other Woman" in Virginia Woolf and Christa Wolf* (1989). She also co-edited a volume of interdisciplinary essays in the field of women's studies, *Theorizing Feminism: Parallel Trends in the Humanities and Social Sciences* (1994), which is now in its second edition. She has also published a feminist memoir and numerous essays, articles, and chapters in books. A gifted teacher and dedicated mentor, Professor Herrmann taught literary, cultural, queer and feminist theory to several generations of undergraduate and graduate students. She was responsible for major innovations of a women's studies introductory course and served on more than 50 dissertation committees. Professor Herrmann received the John D'Arms Award for Distinguished Graduate Mentoring in the Humanities from the Rackham Graduate School in 2008.

The Regents now salute this distinguished scholar by naming **Anne C. Herrmann professor emerita of English language and literature and professor emerita of women's studies.**

**Requested by:**



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**Sally J. Churchill, J.D.**

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