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**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

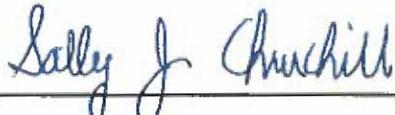
**Mary E. Corcoran, Ph.D.**, professor of political science and professor of women's studies in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts; professor of public policy in the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy; and research associate professor in the Survey Research Center in the Institute for Social Research, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2018.

Professor Corcoran received her B.A. degree from Pembroke College in 1968 and her Ph.D. degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1975. She joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1976, and was promoted to associate professor in 1982, and professor in 1987.

Professor Corcoran's scholarly work has been primarily concerned with understanding the sources of population differences in income and occupation. Her approach has been a model of interdisciplinarity, drawing upon and contributing to methods and insights in political science, sociology, social work, and women's studies, while holding research appointments in the Survey Research Center and the Institute for Research on Women and Gender. She has been a leader in applying rigorous statistical and econometric techniques in the service of understanding the economic and social consequences of race, gender, education, fertility, and family background. Her pioneering work on wage gaps continues to shape the field, some forty years after her first landmark publication on the subject. Her attention to the ways trajectories and transitions cumulate and organize inequality has become a standard part of the toolkit for understanding inequality. She has applied her academic knowledge nationally, internationally, and within the University, in the latter case in a number of studies of gender equity in faculty salaries. She led the revival of the public policy and social science doctoral program at the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy. Professor Corcoran received the Sarah Goddard Power Award in 2004 and the Rackham Distinguished Graduate Mentor Award in 2010.

The Regents now salute this distinguished teacher, scholar, and mentor by naming **Mary E. Corcoran, professor emerita of political science, professor emerita of women's studies, professor emerita of public policy, and research associate professor emerita.**

**Requested by:**



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

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