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## *Regents Communication*

### ACTION REQUEST

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

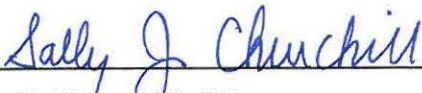
**Patricia W. Coleman-Burns, Ph.D.**, assistant professor of nursing in the School of Nursing, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2016.

Professor Coleman-Burns received her B.A. (1969), M.A. (1976), and Ph.D. (1987) degrees from Wayne State University. She joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1991. She held a number of key leadership positions, including interim associate dean for the Office of Community Partnerships, director of the GENESIS III Project, director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs, special advisor to the dean, faculty lead of the Second Career Program, and director of the Student Enrichment & Accelerated B.S. Completion Program.

Professor Coleman-Burns' scholarly work focused on retention and successful learning behaviors of underrepresented nursing students, health disparities and social justice in patient-centered care and providers' behaviors, Black male and female relationships, Black ideological world views, and the Colored Women's Club Movement. She was deeply committed to the development, incorporation, and promotion of multiculturalism within the School of Nursing's programs. Professor Coleman-Burns has been an unwavering advocate for the right of all persons, and specifically women and their children, to be free from gender oppression, sexism, racism, and domestic violence. She developed and taught a number of important courses that explored a wide range of subjects, including African American studies, communications, gender and racial identity issues, rhetorical criticism, social and political movements, speech pedagogy, and women's studies. She served as the co-chair of the University's Violence Against Women Taskforce as well as served on several advisory committees on diversity, multicultural and women's issues. Professor Coleman-Burns served on the executive board of the Safehouse Center, which provides services for those impacted by domestic violence and sexual assault. She received the School of Nursing's Mae Edna Doyle Teacher of the Year Award (2004) and the DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses (2011).

The Regents now salute this distinguished nursing educator for her dedicated service by naming **Patricia W. Coleman-Burns, assistant professor emerita of nursing**.

**Requested by:**



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