THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

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

Diane Kaplan Vinokur, Ph.D., associate professor of social work in the School of Social Work, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2016.

Professor Vinokur received her B.A. (1970) degree from Oberlin College and her M.S.W. (1972), M.A. (1973), and Ph.D. (1975) degrees from the University of Michigan. She held a number of positions at the University of Michigan prior to being appointed assistant professor in 1990 and promoted to associate professor in 1996. She served as the School of Social Work’s assistant dean for research and development from 1987-90.

Professor Vinokur’s research focused on the application of social psychological and organizational theories to human service organizations and their personnel. She studied the implications of such findings for non-profit management and social work practice. Professor Vinokur published numerous scholarly papers, co-authored several books, and was a frequent invited speaker at national and international conferences. An accomplished researcher, she has been the principal investigator on research grants funded by the National Institute on Aging, the Michigan Department of Mental Health, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services’ Office of Human Development Services, and the Israel National Insurance Institute & Tel Aviv University. In 1997, Professor Vinokur co-founded the University of Michigan’s Nonprofit and Public Management Center, a collaborative endeavor between the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, the School of Social Work, and the Stephen M. Ross School of Business, focused on promoting education, research, community service, and public service. Her most recent work investigated the benefits and challenges of nonprofit co-locations. In recognition of her work in this arena, she received the Founders Award from the Tides Foundation’s Nonprofit Centers Network in 2011.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming Diane Kaplan Vinokur, associate professor emerita of social work.

Requested by:

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