THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Kathryn Schellenberg, Ph.D., associate professor of sociology in the University of Michigan-Flint College of Arts and Sciences, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2018.

Professor Schellenberg received her B.Sc. (1975) degree from Brigham Young University and her M.Sc. (1984) and Ph.D. (1991) degrees from the University of Utah. She joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1999, and was promoted to associate professor in 2005.

Professor Schellenberg’s leadership in teaching, research, and service is laudable. Her primary instructional responsibility was in sociology where she regularly taught General Statistics, Research Methods, Introduction to Sociology, and courses in work and organizations. She taught complementary graduate courses in the Master of Public Administration Program. Professor Schellenberg received the Distinguished Faculty Service Award in 2015 for her extensive service at all levels, including as a member of the Institutional Review Board for eight years. She served as chair of the Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice (2007-12) and as director of the Master of Public Administration Program (2013-17). Professor Schellenberg was often called upon to lend her methodological expertise to committees and task forces. Her strong commitment to equity and fairness made her a sought-after member of faculty search committees and a tireless advocate for students and colleagues.

Professor Schellenberg’s research in work and workplace organizations led to scholarly publications on such topics as how high-tech workers/firms react to turbulent change and uncertainty, police practices involving automated police information systems, and implications of policing the police through technological surveillance. Her most recent scholarship focused on the workplace impacts of globalization and migration in the United Arab Emirates, and was centrally concerned with the consequences of power and privilege and the lack thereof. Professor Schellenberg was a member of the University of Michigan’s Center for Middle Eastern and North African Studies. Her ongoing pursuit of intensive Arabic language study reflected her scholarly interests and her commitment to improving the situation of those struggling as a result of global structural inequality and discrimination.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member for her dedicated service by naming Kathryn Schellenberg, associate professor emerita of sociology.

Requested by:

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