

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir


Christiane Anderson, Ph.D., research scientist, Herbarium and research scientist, ecology and evolutionary biology in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, retired from active faculty status on June 30, 2019.

Dr. Anderson received her B.S. degree from Michigan State University in 1966 and her M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Michigan in 1968 and 1971, respectively. She began her career as a research assistant at the New York Botanical Garden from 1971-73. Dr. Anderson joined the University of Michigan in 1975. She held a number of positions in the Herbarium, including research assistant, adjunct research investigator, assistant research scientist, and associate research scientist prior to being promoted to research scientist in 1998.

Early in her career, Dr. Anderson studied the prominent plant family Asteraceae; however, she was best known as an internationally recognized authority on the evolution and diversification of the large and important tropical plant family Malpighiaceae. She also worked extensively in tropical Southeast Asia, especially on the rich flora of Mount Kinabalu in Sabah, Malaysia. Dr. Anderson was very active in the American Society of Plant Taxonomists, serving as both treasurer from 1979-82 and president from 1998-99. Her most extensive service was as editor of the *Systematic Botany Monographs* from 1982-2012, editing 94 books during this time. In many cases, these monographs were the fruit of student Ph.D. theses, and she helped a large number of students with their first major publication. Dr. Anderson was awarded the Distinguished Service Award by the American Society of Plant Taxonomists in 1991 and the Special Achievement Award from the Botanical Society of America in 2004. She also served on a number of editorial and grant review boards, and was the Herbarium division liaison for the Museums Library from 2002-17.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Christiane Anderson, research scientist emerita, Herbarium and research scientist emerita, ecology and evolutionary biology**.

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