

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Joan M. McGowan, Ph.D., associate professor of dental hygiene, School of Dentistry, retired from active faculty status August 31, 2008.

Professor McGowan received an R.D.H. degree from the University of Detroit in 1962, a B.S. degree from the University of Kentucky in 1969, an M.A. degree from the University of Detroit in 1972, and M.P.H. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Michigan in 1980 and 1984, respectively. She joined the University of Michigan School of Dentistry faculty as an assistant professor in 1973 and was promoted to associate professor in 1983. From 1980-98, she was also a lecturer in community health programs in the Department of Epidemiology in the School of Public Health.

Since her first position as a dental hygienist, when she designed and implemented a topical fluoride program at a summer camp for tuberculosis-contact children, Professor McGowan has been actively involved in community outreach and service. In her work in the School of Dentistry, she emphasized the development of students' skills in health education, training them to pay special attention to the communities in which they practice their professions. Professor McGowan has authored or co-authored 35 monographs, book chapters, refereed articles, abstracts, reviews, and other publications. She has served as a consultant to various professional organizations, and has received numerous honors and awards.

Professor McGowan served as the State of Michigan's coordinator of the National Spit Tobacco Education Program, making numerous presentations around the state. She trained thousands of dentists, dental assistants, and hygienists in how to incorporate a tobacco-cessation program into the dental office, and has been a leader in getting this content into the dental and dental hygiene curricula at Michigan.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Joan M. McGowan associate professor emerita of dental hygiene.**

Requested by:



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