THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

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

Kristen Lawton Barry, Ph.D., research professor, psychiatry in the Medical School, will retire from active faculty status on November 30, 2014.

Professor Barry received her B.S. degree from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse in 1969, and her M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1981 and 1988, respectively. She joined the University of Michigan faculty as a senior associate research scientist in 1996, and was promoted to research associate professor in 2003, and research professor in 2011.

Professor Barry is a distinguished and internationally renowned scholar in the fields of substance abuse and mental health. Her work explored alcohol problem detection and brief alcohol interventions in ambulatory care settings; relationships between substance abuse, mental health, and physical health functioning; alcohol use and mental health issues in women; and alcohol use by the elderly and related mental health concerns. Professor Barry has a notable history of successfully securing research grants and was a frequent invited speaker at national symposia. Her extensive publications include over one hundred peer-reviewed journal articles, twenty-five book chapters, and two books entitled Addictive Disorders: A Practical Guide to Treatment (1992) and Alcohol Problems in Older Adults: Prevention and Management (2001). She developed numerous innovative intervention and treatment programs during her service as an associate director with the Department of Veterans Affairs’ Serious Mental Illness Treatment Research and Evaluation Center from 1996-2009. A gifted teacher and dedicated mentor, she proactively involved students and junior faculty in her research endeavors and encouraged their pursuit of research oriented careers.

The Regents now salute this distinguished scholar by naming Kristen Lawton Barry research professor emerita, psychiatry.

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