

# THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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## ACTION REQUEST

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

**Violet H. Barkauskas, Ph.D.**, associate professor of nursing in the School of Nursing, will retire from active faculty status on December 31, 2008.

Professor Barkauskas received her B.S. degree from Saint Joseph College in 1962, her M.P.H. degree from the University of Michigan in 1968, her certificate in nurse midwifery from The Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health in 1969, and her Ph.D. degree from the University of Illinois at the Medical Center, Graduate College in 1980. She joined the University of Michigan faculty as an associate professor in 1980.

Within the School of Nursing, Professor Barkauskas developed and taught graduate-level community health nursing courses, supervised sizeable numbers of master's student research papers and doctoral dissertations, conducted research projects, and provided national leadership through her professional activities. As chair of community health nursing from 1982-86, she led the development of undergraduate and graduate community health nursing courses and programs, research programs, and service-related initiatives. She also initiated the first federally-funded graduate program in nursing home care. As the associate dean for organizational planning and support from 1987-96, Professor Barkauskas was responsible for strategic plan development, administrative systems, faculty and staff development, faculty recruitment, facilities management, and information technology development.

In addition to her administrative contributions, Professor Barkauskas was also dedicated to students, and her efforts have been consistently marked by high standards and the desire to create exceptional future nurse leaders. Her ten years of consulting work with the nursing programs at Vilnius University and Kaunas Medical Academy in Lithuania, where she had been a Fulbright teacher and scholar in 1995, brought an important international perspective to her teaching, research, and service activities.

The Regents now salute this distinguished nursing educator for her dedicated service by naming **Violet H. Barkauskas associate professor emerita of nursing.**

**Requested by:**



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