THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
Regents Communication  

ACTION REQUEST  

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

Linda K. Strodtman, Ph.D., assistant professor of nursing in the School of Nursing and clinical nurse specialist at the University of Michigan Hospitals, will retire from active faculty status on December 31, 2012.

Professor Strodtman received her B.S. degree from Michigan State University in 1967, her M.S. degree from the University of Michigan in 1970, and her Ph.D. degree from Wayne State University in 1994. She joined the University of Michigan faculty in 1970 as a clinical nurse specialist, and was appointed assistant professor in the School of Nursing in 1973.

For nearly forty years, Professor Strodtman has made considerable contributions to the School of Nursing’s teaching mission at all program levels and has taught an extensive variety of course topics. She is a regular guest lecturer for courses in other disciplines, including medicine, social work, public health, and cultural anthropology. She also advises master’s students on their research and scholarly projects and has served on doctoral dissertation committees.

Professor Strodtman’s scholarly career has culminated in addressing palliative and end-of-life care issues. She has investigated providing a “good death” from an interdisciplinary care team perspective, a project that resulted in two educational video productions. She is also an experienced scholar of nursing history, who is a co-founder and archivist of the Nursing History Society of the University of Michigan. She has conducted oral histories with Michigan nurse leaders and has researched historical nursing practice and its relationship to the development of professional nursing. In recognition of her expertise and commitment to the nursing profession, Professor Strodtman was awarded the School of Nursing Excellence in Interprofessional Collaboration for Better Patient Care Award in April 2012.

The Regents now salute this distinguished nursing educator for her dedicated service by naming Linda K. Strodtman assistant professor emerita of nursing.

Requested by:  

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