THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

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

Daniel G. Saunders, Ph.D., professor of social work in the School of Social Work, will retire from active faculty status on December 31, 2016.

Professor Saunders received his B.A. (1969) degree from St. John’s University in Collegeville, Minnesota and his M.S.S.W. (1973) and Ph.D. (1979) degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He was a social worker and program director at a family service agency from 1973-84 and held a number of positions at the University of Wisconsin-Madison from 1984-90. Professor Saunders joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1991, and was promoted to associate professor in 1994, and professor in 2003. He was named the program co-director of the Interdisciplinary Research Program on Violence Across the Lifespan in 1995.

Professor Saunders devoted his service, teaching, and research to the goal of eliminating intimate partner violence. Early in his career, he established one of the first intervention programs for men who abuse their partners and helped develop programs for abused women. He served as a consultant to over sixty organizations at the local, state, and national levels and served on the editorial boards of several journals. At the University of Michigan, Professor Saunders served as co-chair of the President’s Task Force on Violence Against Women on Campus and developed practice and research courses on the prevention of family violence. A highly accomplished researcher, his studies focus on offender program evaluation, the traumatic effects of victimization, and the response of professionals to intimate partner violence. Professor Saunders authored over 80 scholarly publications that have been cited over 6,000 times. He was the principal investigator on research grants from the National Institute of Justice, the National Institute of Mental Health, the U.S. Department of Justice’s Office on Violence Against Women, and the Centers for Disease Control. Professor Saunders was also awarded a Fulbright Faculty Scholar Program grant to conduct research at the Te Awatea Violence Research Centre, University of Canterbury, New Zealand.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming Daniel G. Saunders, professor emeritus of social work.

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