

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

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

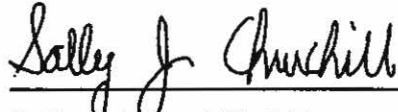
Nancy R. Barbas, M.S.W., M.D., clinical associate professor of neurology in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2018.

Dr. Barbas received her B.A. and M.S.W. degrees from the University of Michigan in 1972 and 1975, respectively. After working in program evaluation and as a clinical social worker, she returned to the University of Michigan and completed her M.D. degree in 1984. Dr. Barbas completed an internship (1984-85) at the Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Michigan in addition to a neurology residency (1985-88) and a neuro-ophthalmology research fellowship (1988-89) at the Tufts New England Medical Center in Boston, Massachusetts. She served as an assistant professor at the University of Massachusetts from 1989-91. She joined the University of Michigan faculty as a clinical assistant professor in 1991, and was promoted to clinical associate professor in 2007.

Throughout her tenure at Michigan, Dr. Barbas showed exemplary commitment to the university's three-part mission of clinical care, research, and teaching. She provided exceptional clinical care to patients with neurological disorders, including headache and pain at both the Veterans Administration Hospital and the UM Cognitive Disorders Clinic. As director of the Cognitive Disorders Clinic, Dr. Barbas designed and implemented a program to streamline the diagnostic process for patients with dementia. She was the site principal investigator for more than 20 multi-site clinical research trials on dementia and related disorders. She served on the Executive Committee of the Michigan Alzheimer's Disease Center from 2008-18. An outstanding instructor, Dr. Barbas taught a number of courses in the Medical School, including Introduction to the Patient; the Family Centered Experience; Doctoring; and Pathway of Excellence, Medical Humanities. She was a leader in bringing the practice and teaching of narrative medicine to the university.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Nancy R. Barbas, clinical associate professor emerita of neurology**.

Requested by:



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