

**THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN**  
*Regents Communication*

**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject:** Report of Faculty Retirement

**Action Requested:** Adoption of Retirement Memoir

**Paula Allen-Meares, Ph.D.**, Norma Radin Collegiate Professor of Social Work, professor of social work, former dean, School of Social Work, and professor of education, School of Education, will retire from active faculty status on January 15, 2009.

Professor Allen-Meares received her B.S. degree from the University at Buffalo (The State University of New York) in 1969, and her M.S.W. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1971 and 1975, respectively. From 1971-78 she was a social worker in the Urbana Public Schools, and from 1978-93 she was a faculty member at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where she rose through the ranks to become dean of the School of Social work in 1989. Professor Allen-Meares joined the University of Michigan faculty in 1993 as professor and dean of the School of Social Work. She was appointed Norma Radin Collegiate Professor of Social Work in 2000 and professor of education in 2003, and remained as dean until June 2008.

Professor Allen-Meares' research interests included the tasks and functions of social workers employed in educational settings; psychopathology in children, adolescents, and families; adolescent sexuality; premature parenthood; and various aspects of social work practice. She is the author of over 100 publications, including journal articles, books, and book chapters. She was a principal investigator or co-investigator on research grants from the National Institute of Mental Health, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, the Skillman Good Neighborhoods Grant, and many others.

Professor Allen-Meares has served on numerous editorial boards and was elected to leadership positions in national professional organizations that promote the advancement of the profession. She has served as a member of the board of trustees of the William T. Grant Foundation, the New York Academy of Medicine, and the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Paula Allen-Meares professor emerita of social work, professor emerita of education, and dean emerita.**

**Requested by:**



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