

## THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

### *Regents Communication*

#### **ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

**Jadwiga T. Sipowska, Ph.D.**, Kasimir Fajans Collegiate Lecturer, lecturer IV in chemistry, and lecturer IV in the Comprehensive Studies Program in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2017.

Dr. Sipowska received her B.Sc. (1968) and M.Sc. (1970) degrees from Warsaw Technical University and her Ph.D. (1986) degree from the Institute of Physical Chemistry of the Polish Academy of Sciences. She was a postdoctoral research fellow (1988-89) and a research assistant professor (1989-93) at Brigham Young University. Dr. Sipowska joined the University of Michigan-Flint faculty as an assistant professor in 1993, and was promoted to associate professor in 1999. She joined the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor faculty as a lecturer III in 2002, and was promoted to lecturer IV in 2005. She was named the Kasimir Fajans Collegiate Lecturer in 2013.

During her years at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, Dr. Sipowska held dual appointments in the Department of Chemistry and the Comprehensive Studies Program, and primarily served as both an instructor and the course coordinator for Chem 130 (General Chemistry), a large multi-section course with a total enrollment of over 1000 students per term. Her teaching was consistently excellent and she was highly regarded by students, staff, and faculty colleagues. She demonstrated enormous concern for the success and welfare of the students and had high expectations for their performance. She was a leader in the integration of new instructional technologies in the general chemistry curriculum, including i-clickers and E-Coach, and in helping other chemistry faculty incorporate these technologies in their own classes. She was also an exemplary mentor for new faculty instructors and postdoctoral teaching fellows in Chem 130. Dr. Sipowska was an energetic participant in the Comprehensive Studies Program, including leading the CSP section of Chem 130 and providing chemistry lectures for the Summer Bridge Program. In addition to her instructional duties, Dr. Sipowska served on various departmental and university committees, including the LSA Judiciary Committee, and was involved in academic advising in both chemistry and the Comprehensive Studies Program. She also served the broader community by reviewing chemistry textbooks and learning tools.

The Regents now salute this distinguished educator by naming **Jadwiga T. Sipowska, Kasimir Fajans Collegiate Lecturer Emerita, lecturer IV emerita in chemistry, and lecturer IV emerita in the Comprehensive Studies Program.**

**Requested by:**



**Sally J. Churchill, J.D.**

**Vice President and Secretary of the University**

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