

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

**Catherine M. Riseng, Ph.D.**, associate research scientist in the School for Environment and Sustainability (SEAS), retired from active faculty status on November 8, 2021.

Dr. Riseng received her B.S. (1975), M.S. (1988), and Ph.D. (2001) degrees from the University of Michigan. She joined the School of Natural Resources and Environment (now SEAS) as a research associate in 2001. She joined the faculty as an assistant research scientist in 2009, and was promoted to associate research scientist in 2017.

Dr. Riseng conducts research into a broad range of ecological and environmental issues from how changes in land use influence stream ecosystems to the effect of invasive species on the Great Lakes ecosystem. Her research projects included multi-disciplinary, collaborative projects that link watershed landscape conditions to Great Lakes tributaries and coastal ecosystems. Dr. Riseng affiliated with the Michigan Sea Grant in May 2013. As research program manager, she is involved in leading the statewide research program efforts on critical Great Lakes issues, such as sustainable coastal development, climate change adaptation, and other issues. From July 2018 to November 2019, she served as Michigan Sea Grant's interim director after the retirement of Jim Diana.

Dr. Riseng also chose to teach and mentor graduate students, which is outside of the scope of a research scientist, and did both quite effectively. Her service and engagement activities, particularly in the Great Lakes region and including leading successful multi-stakeholder workshops, are examples of her significant and valuable contributions to the mission of the school and the university.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Catherine M. Riseng, associate research scientist emerita, environment and sustainability.**

**Requested by:**



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**Sally J. Churchill, J.D.**  
**Vice President and Secretary of the University**

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