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**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

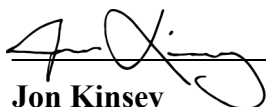
**Janis M. Miller, Ph.D.**, professor of nursing in the School of Nursing and research professor, obstetrics and gynecology in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2025.

Professor Miller received her B.S.N. (1981) degree from Goshen College, her M.S.N. (1987) degree from Loyola University, and her Ph.D. (1996) from the University of Michigan. She completed her post-doctoral research fellowship from 1996-1999 at U-M's Institute of Gerontology. She also completed her advanced nurse practitioner certification (2001) at U-M. She was appointed as a research investigator (1999) in U-M's Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology in the Medical School, and an assistant research scientist (2000) in the School of Nursing. Professor Miller was promoted to research assistant professor (2004) in the Medical School, assistant professor (2007) in the School of Nursing, research associate professor and associate professor (2011), and research professor and professor (2016) in the Medical School and School of Nursing.

For over two decades, Professor Miller has been a leading investigator in the University of Michigan's Pelvic Floor Research Group. Her groundbreaking work, Incontinence Research Intervention Study, and Fluids and Beverages Underlying Lower Urinary Symptoms (I & II) changed the paradigm of first-line urinary incontinence prevention and treatment. Additional high-impact research included Evaluating Maternal Recovery from Labor and Delivery (EMRLD I, II & III), which revealed the chronicity of a birth injury that leads to prolapse. She led U-M's site of the Preventing Lower Urinary Symptoms (PLUS) NIH consortium. Via a U-M Grand Challenges Grant (2013), she teamed with Nobel Prize winner Denis Mukwege to build a research center for documenting severe gynecological trauma due to war-based rape in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Over 2000+ women are represented. With Professor Miller's over 100 publications, a citation index of over 4,100, and nearly 200 presentations, she has made substantial contributions to scholarly discourse. Professional affiliations, such as the International Continence Society and the American Academy of Nursing, reflect her international/national recognition and leadership in the field. She has eight open-access registered inventions, demonstrating her strong commitment to innovation. Her animated website, [confidentbladder.org](http://confidentbladder.org), brings together her inventions, evidence-based interventions, and decades of clinical practice; this translation of research is freely available. A dedicated educator, mentor, advocate, and clinician, Professor Miller fosters a culture for academic excellence, positively impacting students, colleagues and the public.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Janis M. Miller, professor of nursing emerita and research professor emerita, obstetrics and gynecology**.

**Requested by:**



**Jon Kinsey**  
Vice President and Secretary of the University

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