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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

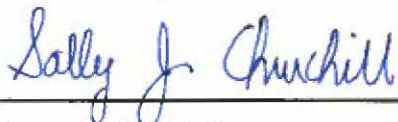
Jacqueline Vansant, Ph.D., professor of German in the University of Michigan-Dearborn College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, retired from active faculty status on April 30, 2020.

Professor Vansant received her B.A. degree from Washington College in 1976, her M.A. degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1977, and her Ph.D. degree from the University of Texas at Austin in 1986. Professor Vansant joined the University of Michigan-Dearborn faculty as an assistant professor in 1992, and was promoted to associate professor in 1995, and professor in 2003. She served as the head of the German section during these years and director of the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Program from 2003-06 and again from 2008-10.

Professor Vansant centered her scholarly work on the constructions of ethnicities, gender, and national identities in post-World War II and contemporary Austrian literature, memoirs, and films. She also published on the image of Austria in Hollywood films and in the area of exile studies. During her tenure at UM-Dearborn, she published two academic books and over twenty articles. She also co-edited an academic journal, two festschrifts, and a volume of essays by the renowned scholar Egon Schwarz. She received two teaching-research Fulbright grants as well as several other outside grants to conduct research. She organized film and lecture series, a symposium, and an international conference for scholars of Austrian literature and culture in 2015. Professor Vansant was awarded the UM-Dearborn's Distinguished Research Award in 2017.

The Regents now salute this dedicated and accomplished teacher and scholar for her service to the University of Michigan-Dearborn by naming **Jacqueline Vansant, professor emerita of German**.

Requested by:



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