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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

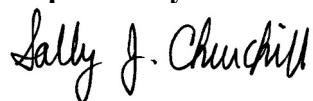
Margaret K. Willard-Traub, Ph.D., associate professor of composition in the College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, University of Michigan-Dearborn, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2022.

Professor Willard-Traub received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1980, her Master of Arts degree from the University of Massachusetts at Boston in 1991, and her Ph.D. degree from the University of Michigan in 1998. Professor Willard-Traub was appointed assistant professor of rhetoric at Oakland University in 1999, and was promoted to associate professor in 2005. She joined the University of Michigan-Dearborn faculty as the director of the writing program and an associate professor of composition and rhetoric in 2006. Professor Willard-Traub served as director of the writing program and writing center from 2006-2012, and as director of the writing program again from 2017-2018.

Professor Willard-Traub is a nationally known researcher in feminist rhetoric, scholarly memoirs, writing assessment, and transnational and multilingual writing pedagogies, having published numerous articles and book chapters in these areas. Her current scholarship addresses the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the decision-making and reflective processes of faculty and administrators at post-secondary institutions nation-wide. She has created and taught numerous upper-division writing courses for the university and was a key driver behind the development of a major in professional writing and rhetoric. Professor Willard-Traub is an immensely innovative teacher who has engaged undergraduate students, including first-generation and multilingual students, in collaborative learning experiences with peers overseas as well as with professional writers in diverse national contexts. Her administrative work as writing program director dramatically transformed the writing curriculum and teaching and learning context at the university, including through her professional development of lecturers and writing center tutors, and her revision of the writing assessment process. Professor Willard-Traub was a key member of the committee that revised general education on campus and played an instrumental role in the development of the university's writing-intensive curriculum. She was an extremely strong supporter of shared governance and served as a member and chair of numerous Faculty Senate committees and representative to the Faculty Senate Council.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Margaret K. Willard-Traub, associate professor emerita of composition**.

Requested by:



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