

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

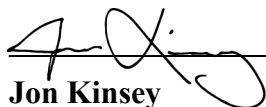
Lutgarde Raskin, Ph.D., Vernon L. Snoeyink Distinguished University Professor of Environmental Engineering, Altarum/ERIM Russell D. O’Neal Professor of Engineering, and professor of civil and environmental engineering in the College of Engineering, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2025.

Professor Raskin received her B.S./M.S. degrees in bioscience engineering and in economics from KU Leuven, Belgium. She earned her Ph.D. degree in environmental engineering from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) in 1993. She served on the faculty at the UIUC for 12 years before joining the University of Michigan as a professor of civil and environmental engineering in 2005. She also held appointments as director of the Environmental and Water Resources Engineering Program (2007-2011), graduate chair of the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering (2014-2017), and associate dean for academic programs and initiatives at the Rackham Graduate School (2020-2022).

Professor Raskin is globally recognized as an expert in microbial aspects of anaerobic waste treatment and drinking water treatment technologies. She has been a prolific scholar, co-authoring about 200 journal papers, delivering over 150 invited lectures, and contributing to approximately 500 conference papers. She has mentored 22 postdoctoral researchers, 32 Ph.D. students, and approximately 180 B.S.E. and M.S.E. students. In recognition of her outstanding mentorship, she received the UM Distinguished Graduate Mentor Award in 2017. Her exceptional contributions to her field have been widely recognized. She was elected to the U.S. National Academy of Engineering in 2021 and is an elected fellow of the American Academy of Microbiology, the International Water Association (IWA), the Water Environment Federation, and the Association of Environmental Engineering and Science Professors (AEESP). She has an extensive record of service. She has served on the editorial boards of six journals, organized two IWA Specialist Conferences in Ann Arbor, and served as co-chair of the long-standing Borchardt Conference since 2017. She has contributed to numerous other professional organizations, including the AEESP Board of Directors (2016-2019).

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Lutgarde Raskin, Vernon L. Snoeyink Distinguished University Professor Emerita of Environmental Engineering, Altarum/ERIM Russell D. O’Neal Professor Emerita of Engineering, and professor emerita of civil and environmental engineering.**

Requested by:



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