

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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ACTION REQUEST

Approved by the Regents
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Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

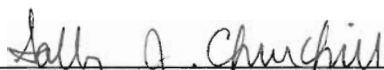
Eleanor Singer, Ph.D., research professor in the Survey Research Center, Institute for Social Research, will retire from active faculty status on April 30, 2006.

Professor Singer received her B.A. degree from Queens College in 1951 and her Ph.D. degree from Columbia University in 1966. From 1966-70 she was a lecturer at Columbia University and from 1970-75 she was a research associate at the Center for Policy Research (1970-72) and then at Columbia University, Department of Psychiatry (1973-75). From 1975-77, she was a senior research associate at the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago. Professor Singer was editor of *Public Opinion Quarterly* from 1975-86. Professor Singer returned to Columbia University in 1978 and remained until 1994, when she joined the University of Michigan faculty as a research scientist. From 1995-2005 she also held an appointment as adjunct professor of sociology in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.

Professor Singer's research at the Institute for Social Research has centered on attitudes toward genetic research and technology, and on factors motivating survey participation, especially attitudes toward privacy and confidentiality. Professor Singer has written and co-edited several books, including *A Telescope on Society: Social Science and Survey Research in the Twentieth Century*, and *Methods for Testing and Evaluating Survey Questionnaires*. Within the Institute for Social Research, Professor Singer served as associate director of the Survey Research Center from 1998-2002. She also chaired two Survey Research Center diversity committees from 1998-2001 and served on the Survey Research Center's Senior Staff Advisory Committee and committees concerned with confidentiality and human research subjects protection. Professor Singer has received many honors, including the Distinguished Achievement Award from the American Association for Public Opinion (1996). In 1997, she was named the Wildenman Professor by the Zentrum für Umfragen, Methoden und Analysen (ZUMA).

The Regents now salute this distinguished scholar by naming **Eleanor Singer research professor emerita**.

Requested by:



Sally J. Churchill
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