

# THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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## ACTION REQUEST

May 17, 2007

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

**Helen L. Harrington, Ph.D.**, associate professor of education in the School of Education, will retire from active faculty status on May 31, 2007.

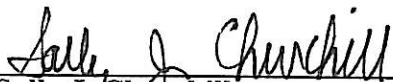
Professor Harrington received her B.A. degree from the University of Michigan-Flint in 1964, her M.A. degree from Michigan State University in 1969, and her Ph.D. degree from the University of Arizona in 1988. From 1976-90 she held various positions at East Carolina University, Greenville, N.C., and at the Greenville City Schools. Professor Harrington joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1990 and was promoted to associate professor in 1997.

Professor Harrington has played a major role in the area of teacher education in the Educational Studies Program. She has developed key individual courses and provided guidance in the development of the teacher education programs. Her research focuses on the pedagogical processes and techniques that are incorporated into pre-service teacher education programs to provide educational opportunities which support and challenge students to engage in more complex ways of thinking and decision-making.

Professor Harrington has served on a number of School of Education and University committees and has also provided service to the broader professional field. Her greatest focus, however, has been on providing extensive assistance to education students with their course preparation and placement. These students have benefited greatly from Professor Harrington's research findings on teacher preparation which have been incorporated into her own pedagogical practices, making her a most effective teacher and mentor.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Helen L. Harrington** **associate professor emerita of education**.

**Requested by:**

  
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**Sally J. Churchill**  
Vice President and Secretary of the University

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