

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

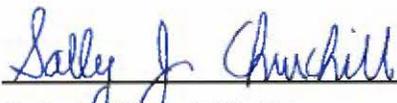
Deborah E. Goldberg, Ph.D., Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, Margaret B. Davis Distinguished University Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, and professor of ecology and evolutionary biology in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2019.

Professor Goldberg received her B.A. (1974) degree from Barnard College, Columbia University and her Ph.D. (1980) degree from the University of Arizona. She joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1983, and was promoted to associate professor in 1989, and professor in 1998. She was named the Elzada U. Clover Collegiate Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology in 2007, the Arthur F. Thurnau Professor in 2016, and the Margaret B. Davis Distinguished University Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology in 2018.

Professor Goldberg was an internationally recognized leader in population and community ecology. Her foundational research explored the processes that control the structure and function of ecological communities over a variety of spatial and temporal scales and how these processes are affected by environmental change. She was especially renowned for her work on resolving the components of competition in plant communities and in recent years her work has expanded to also include microbial communities. Professor Goldberg was legendary for her effectiveness and influence on a myriad of departmental, college, university, and professional service functions. She served as the interim chair (2001-02) and chair (2003-13) of the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology. She played an instrumental leadership role in the development and success of this newly established department. Professor Goldberg was also actively involved in the M-Bio/M-Sci and the Authentic Research Connection programs that reflected her unwavering commitment to advancing undergraduate STEM education. Professor Goldberg received a number of university service awards, including the Distinguished Diversity Leaders Team Award (2009), the Sarah Goddard Power Award (2012), and the Harold R. Johnson Diversity Service Award (2012).

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Deborah E. Goldberg, Arthur F. Thurnau Professor Emerita, Margaret B. Davis Distinguished University Professor Emerita of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, and professor emerita of ecology and evolutionary biology.**

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