THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement
Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Janean E. Holden, Ph.D., Barbara A. Therrien Collegiate Professor of Nursing and professor of nursing in the School of Nursing, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2020.

Professor Holden received her B.S.N. degree from the University of Utah in 1974. She received her secondary education teacher’s certificate from Weber State College in 1982. She received her M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Michigan in 1987 and 1993, respectively. She held a post-doctoral fellowship in pharmacology at the University of Illinois at Chicago from 1993-96. Professor Holden joined the University of Michigan faculty as an associate professor in 2009, and was promoted to professor in 2012. She was named the Barbara A. Therrien Collegiate Professor of Nursing in 2015. She served as the School of Nursing’s associate dean for research from 2014-18.

Professor Holden made considerable contributions to the teaching, research, and service missions of the School of Nursing. Throughout her career, she was committed to education, spanning all levels of educational programs. Her teaching expertise focused on the areas of pathophysiology and pharmacology. Professor Holden maintained an active role in the classroom, as well as working with students in her laboratory. She mentored countless undergraduate students, graduate students, and junior faculty. Professor Holden’s preclinical research was built on identifying the mechanisms underlying pain modulation in the spinal cord that alter pain perception in the brain. Specifically, her research was aimed at the mechanisms of hypothalamic nociceptive and neuropathic pain modulation in the spinal cord dorsal horn, including preliminary work using the chemotherapy agents, paclitaxel and oxaliplatin, within a rat model of hypothalamic pain modulation. She was funded consistently for most of her career, including three R01 grants from the National Institutes of Health. She was a frequent invited speaker at a number of symposia and received national and international recognition for her work. She was inducted into the American Academy of Nursing in 2009.

The Regents now salute this distinguished nursing educator for her dedicated service by naming Janean E. Holden, Barbara A. Therrien Collegiate Professor Emerita of Nursing and professor emerita of nursing.

Requested by:

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