THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

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

Kathleen Graves, Ph.D., clinical professor of educational studies in the School of Education, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2021.

Kathleen Graves received her B.A. (1975) degree from Barnard College, her M.A.T. (1982) degree from the School for International Training in Brattleboro, Vermont, and her Ph.D. (2004) degree from Lancaster University. Prior to joining the faculty at the University of Michigan, she was a faculty member in the master of arts in teaching program at the SIT Graduate Institute (formerly School for International Training). She was appointed assistant professor at SIT in 1982, and was promoted to professor in 2005. She joined the University of Michigan faculty as a clinical associate professor in 2009, and was promoted to clinical professor in 2018.

Throughout her distinguished career, Professor Graves’s scholarship has advanced the field’s knowledge of curriculum design and development in English language teaching and learning—particularly the relationships among student characteristics and the contexts in which they are learning. She was the editor of two books on course design: Teachers as Course Developers (1996), and co-editor of International Perspectives on Materials in English Language Teaching. As a highly regarded global scholar, she has given invited plenary sessions and presented at conferences all around the world. Her leadership in the field was highlighted by her international service roles. She was influential in the Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) International Association, and served as chair of the TESOL Publications Committee and editor of the TESOL Curriculum Development Series. She also consulted extensively with experts in several countries such as Bahrain and Algeria as they developed language education programs.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming Kathleen Graves, clinical professor emerita of educational studies.

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