

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Deborah A. Roundtree, M.A., Collegiate Lecturer and lecturer II in psychology in the University of Michigan-Dearborn College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, retired from active faculty status on March 1, 2021.

Ms. Roundtree received her B.A. (1984) degree from the University of Michigan and her M.A. (1988) degree from the Mercy College of Detroit. She began teaching at the University of Michigan-Dearborn as an adjunct lecturer in 2003, became a lecturer I in 2005, and was promoted to lecturer II in 2006. She was named a Collegiate Lecturer in 2017.

Ms. Roundtree's teaching included three different introductory courses: Introduction to Psychology, Introduction to Psychology as a Natural Science, and Introduction to Psychology as a Social Science, and an upper-level course on abnormal psychology. She was appreciated and admired by students and colleagues alike for her enthusiasm for the subject matter, her dedication to student learning, and her rigorous, engaging, and carefully planned courses and assignments.

Ms. Roundtree's greatest legacy to UM-Dearborn lies in her supervision of the Supplemental Instruction (SI) program in behavioral sciences. From 2010 until her retirement, Ms. Roundtree each year recruited, hired, and trained a staff of about twenty-five student mentors to serve as SI Leaders for courses in anthropology, criminology and criminal justice, psychology, sociology, and beyond. The SI Leaders worked closely with the students in the courses to which they were assigned, explaining concepts, clarifying assignments, and leading study sessions for exams. From modest beginnings focused on Introduction to Psychology courses, the program expanded quickly, for faculty and students could see its benefits: greater understanding of the material, higher grades, and fewer student withdrawals and failures. Organizing, implementing, and assessing each semester's SI program represented a significant administrative and logistical accomplishment by Ms. Roundtree. Her mentoring of the SI Leaders was also consequential, as she helped these talented students develop skills as teachers, team members, and leaders.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Deborah A. Roundtree, Collegiate Lecturer Emerita and lecturer II emerita in psychology.**

Requested by:



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