

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Suzanne Bergeron, Ph.D., Helen Mataya Graves Collegiate Professor, professor of women's studies, and professor of social sciences in the College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, University of Michigan-Dearborn, retired from active faculty status on April 30, 2023.

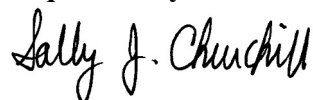
Professor Bergeron earned her Ph.D. degree from the University of Notre Dame in 1998. She joined the University of Michigan-Dearborn as an assistant professor in 1999, and was promoted to associate professor in 2005, and professor in 2012.

For more than two decades, Professor Bergeron taught a wide range of courses from undergraduate level to graduate level across the college. She was the founding director of the Women in Learning and Leadership program in 2004. She taught extensively in the economics discipline, in environmental studies, and in our campus Honors Program as well as courses such as Feminist Theories, Gender and Globalization, and Gender, Power and International Development in women's and gender studies (WGST). Professor Bergeron was awarded the campus's Distinguished Teaching Award in 2004. Her wide ranging and impactful work earned her the Eugene V. Arden Interdisciplinary Scholar Award from UM-Dearborn in 2016.

Professor Bergeron's contributions to the campus through service and leadership have focused on the development of the WGST program and on gender equity issues on the campus. Her leadership of the LGBTQ Task Force led to the creation of a LGBTQ coordinator position and the eventual hire of an expert in this field to develop classes for the campus. Professor Bergeron also co-chaired the general education task force that led to our current Dearborn Discovery Curriculum, and was on the steering committee of the Institute for Research on Women and Gender and the Sarah Goddard Power Award Committee (an award that she also had bestowed upon her in 2008), among other service contributions. In recognition of her selfless commitment to service and dedication to the Dearborn campus, she was awarded the University Distinguished Service Award in 2013.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member for her many years of service to the University of Michigan-Dearborn by naming **Suzanne Bergeron, professor emerita of women's studies and professor emerita of social sciences.**

Requested by:



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