

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

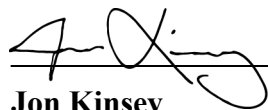
Rebecca J. Scott, Ph.D., Charles Gibson Distinguished University Professor of History, professor of history, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and professor of law, Law School, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2025.

Professor Scott received a Ph.D. in history from Princeton University in 1982. She joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor of history in 1984 and was promoted to professor in 1992.

Professor Scott is a renowned scholar of race, law, and citizenship in the Atlantic World. Her seminal book, *Slave Emancipation in Cuba* (1985) was followed by dozens of articles, five co-edited volumes, and two multiple prize-winning monographs: *Degrees of Freedom: Louisiana and Cuba after Slavery* (2005) and *Freedom Papers: An Atlantic Odyssey in the Age of Emancipation* (2012), co-authored with Jean Hébrard. Professor Scott received fellowships from the MacArthur Foundation, NEH, and Guggenheim Foundation, and a Distinguished Service Award from the AHA Conference on Latin American History. She is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Foreign Corresponding Academician in the Cuban Academy of History, and honorary fellow of the American Society of Legal History. At U-M, Professor Scott held numerous leadership positions and founded the Latin American and Caribbean Studies Program. Her teaching was recognized by a Thurnau Professorship and John H. D'Arms Faculty Award for Distinguished Graduate Mentoring in the Humanities..

The Regents now salute this distinguished scholar and teacher by naming **Rebecca J. Scott, Charles Gibson Distinguished University Professor Emerita of History, professor emerita of history, and professor emerita of law.**

Requested by:



Jon Kinsey
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