

# The University of Michigan Regents Communication

## Request for Action

### Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

#### Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

**Jami L. Anderson, Ph.D., J.D.**, professor of philosophy in the College of Arts, Sciences and Education, University of Michigan-Flint, retired from active faculty status on May 19, 2026.

Professor Anderson received her B.A. degree from Arizona State University (1989), her Ph.D. from the University of Southern California (1995), and her J.D. from Wayne State University (2022). She joined the University of Central Arkansas faculty as an assistant professor in 1995. Professor Anderson joined the University of Michigan-Flint faculty as an assistant professor in 1999, and was promoted to associate professor in 2005, and professor in 2015. She served as program director of the Women's and Gender Studies Program from 2004-2009, and as chair of the Department of Philosophy from 2006-2012 and 2018-2021.

Professor Anderson's research addressed the philosophy of law, applied ethics, and social justice issues. She published journal articles on state punishment, employment discrimination in women's prisons, privilege, and philosophical issues raised by autism. Professor Anderson co-founded and directed the Center for Cognition and Neuroethics in 2009. As part of this work, she organized multiple conferences to convene international and US scholars and served as the managing editor of the *Journal of Cognition and Neuroethics*. Professor Anderson edited a textbook on philosophical issues raised by laws regulating identities, and co-edited and contributed chapters to *The Philosophy of Autism (2012)* and *Contemporary Philosophy of Autism (2025)*. Her most recent journal articles examined the impact recent Michigan court decisions concerning the use of reasonable force by teachers on children in public schools have on autistic children. As a department chair, Professor Anderson supported philosophy faculty and student research projects, developed experiential learning opportunities for philosophy majors, and launched philosophy degree program improvements. She founded the undergraduate philosophy journal *Compos Mentis*, a student managed journal, and launched the annual Michigan Undergraduate Philosophy Conference to provide philosophy students from universities across the country with collaborative research opportunities.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Jami L. Anderson, professor emerita of philosophy.**

Requested by:

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**Jon Kinsey**

Vice President and Secretary of the University

May 2026