

# The University of Michigan Regents Communication

## Request for Action

### Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

#### Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

**Julia S. Seng, Ph.D.**, professor of nursing, School of Nursing, professor of women's and gender studies, Department of Women's and Gender Studies, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, professor of obstetrics and gynecology, Medical School, and research professor, Institute for Research on Women and Gender (IRWG), retired from active faculty status on May 24, 2026.

Julia Seng received her Bachelor of Arts, Master of Arts in French, Master of Arts in nurse-midwifery, and Doctor of Philosophy in nursing degrees from the University of Michigan (UM) in 1983, 1985, 1995, and 1999, respectively. She received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from George Mason University in 1991. Professor Seng is a registered nurse (RN) and Certified Nurse Midwife (CNM). Professor Seng has held various appointments and has been promoted to the ranks of professor with tenure in the School of Nursing, professor without tenure in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Medical School, and to research professor in the Institute for Research on Women and Gender (IRWG) in 2015. She was promoted to professor without tenure in the Department of Women's and Gender Studies, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts in 2018. She held an interim associate director for research development and administration position at IRWG from 2011-2012, and the title of associate dean for strategic affairs from 2018-2020 in the School of Nursing.

Professor Seng is a pioneer and leading scientist in discoveries about the sequelae of childhood abuse on physical, psychological, and maternal development outcomes of pregnancy. Her work is both theoretical and empirical and has been supported through a variety of funding mechanisms. Her publications parallel her funding trajectory and demonstrate her commitment to the consistent dissemination of her research findings. She is an experienced teacher, having taught courses in women's health that included students from nursing, public health, psychology, social work, women's studies, and sociology, living out the university's commitment to interdisciplinary training for students. She has received several notable awards/ recognitions, including the Book of the Year from the American College of Nurse-Midwives in 2009; she became a fellow of the American Academy of Nursing in 2009, and a fellow of the American College of Nurse Midwives in 2022.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Julia S. Seng, professor emerita of nursing, professor emerita of women's and gender studies, professor emerita of obstetrics and gynecology, and research professor emerita, Institute for Research on Women and Gender.**

Requested by:

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**Jon Kinsey**

Vice President and Secretary of the University

May 2026