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Thomas C. Schaal, Ph.D., associate professor of nursing and assistant director of academic programs for nursing graduate studies in the School of Health Professions and Studies at the University of Michigan-Flint, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2005.

Professor Schaal received his A.A.S./R.N. degree from the Agricultural and Technical College at Farmingdale (New York) in 1968, his B.S.N. degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1970, his M.S.N. degree from Boston University in 1975, and his Ph.D. degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1983. He also completed a five-year post-doctorate program in Bowen Family Systems Theory at Georgetown University in 1988. From 1970-94, he was on the faculty of several nursing programs, including the New Hampshire Technical Institute where he implemented the first associate degree nursing program in New Hampshire. Professor Schaal joined the University of Michigan-Flint faculty as an associate professor in 1994.

A leader with a vision of the future direction of nursing education, Professor Schaal designed and implemented the psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner curriculum and developed the R.N./M.S.N. admission option. He also co-designed and implemented the Master of Science in Nursing Nurse Practitioner Program with two tracks: family nurse practitioner and psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner. He directed the M.S.N. program through a successful five-year accreditation by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, and in 2003 he was instrumental in adding a third track, adult nurse practitioner, to the curriculum.

An active member of both the campus and local communities, Professor Schaal has maintained a successful clinical practice in psychiatric mental health nursing as a family, individual, and couples therapist. He was responsible for securing a chapter of the nursing honor society, Sigma Theta Tau International, for the University of Michigan-Flint and he served on the board and as president of the organization from 2002-05. He was also a major donor to the Sigma Theta Tau International Research Library in Indianapolis.

The Regents now salute this distinguished nursing leader for his dedicated service by naming Thomas C. Schaal associate professor emeritus of nursing.

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Ronald E. Silverman Ph.D., professor of psychology in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Michigan-Flint, will retire from active faculty status on June 30, 2005.

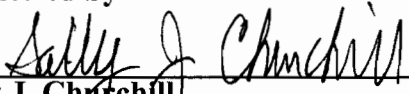
Professor Silverman received his A.B. degree from Colgate University in 1968 and his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the State University of New York at Buffalo in 1970 and 1972, respectively. He joined the University of Michigan-Flint faculty as an assistant professor in 1972 and was promoted to associate professor in 1976 and professor in 1995.

Among his many contributions to the University, Professor Silverman was chair of the Budget Priorities Committee and Chancellor's Advisory Committee and served as department chair for two terms. He also participated in the International and Global Studies core faculty, the Human Subjects Review Committee, and the Projects for Urban and Regional Affairs faculty panel and advisory board. He has been a member of the community advisory board for the University of Michigan-Flint public television station, WFUM, since 1985, and he chaired this board from 1987-89 and from 2000-04.

Professor Silverman's professional interests focused in the area of clinical psychology. He contributed a number of research reports for the Project for Urban and Regional Affairs, published many articles in peer-reviewed journals, and made numerous presentations at professional conferences. He developed the department's Bachelor of Science degree program in clinical/community psychology, and he has maintained an active clinical and consulting psychology practice.

The Regents now salute this distinguished psychology educator for his dedicated service by naming **Ronald E. Silverman professor emeritus of psychology**.

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Harriet M. Wall, Ph.D., professor of psychology in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Michigan-Flint, will retire from active faculty status on June 30, 2005.

Professor Wall received her B.S. degree from Purdue University in 1963, her M.S. degree from San Diego State University in 1965, and her Ph.D. degree from the University of Rochester in 1971. She joined the University of Michigan-Flint faculty as an instructor in 1972 as the first female member of the psychology department. She was promoted to assistant professor in 1973, associate professor in 1977, and professor in 1986.

Professor Wall is well known for her service to the University community and to the field of psychology. During her tenure, she served as interim director of research, interim associate dean, and interim dean, and she completed three terms as department chair. She was a member or chair of a wide variety of campus committees, including the College of Arts and Sciences Executive Committee, a chancellor search committee, the Budget Priorities Committee, and the Chancellor's Advisory Committee. For many years she was an advisor to the Psi Chi, the national honor society in psychology. Her research, which focused on cognitive psychology, led to publications in a variety of peer-reviewed journals and conference proceedings, numerous presentations at professional meetings, and a number of research grants.

Generations of students knew Professor Wall as someone who made learning often-feared subjects an accessible and achievable goal. In 1985, she received the University of Michigan-Flint Excellence in Teaching Award, and she was presented with the Distinguished Service Award in 2003. Most recently, the department established the Harriet M. Wall Department of Psychology Lecture Series, which will bring visiting lecturers to campus to present topics of interest in psychology for years to come.

The Regents now salute this distinguished psychology educator for her dedicated service by naming **Harriet M. Wall professor emerita of psychology**.

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M. David Curtis, Ph.D., professor of chemistry in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and professor of macromolecular science and engineering in the College of Engineering, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2005.

Professor Curtis received his A.B. degree from Wabash College in 1960 and his Ph.D. degree from Northwestern University in 1965. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor of chemistry in 1967 and was promoted to associate professor in 1972 and professor in 1979. He was appointed professor of macromolecular science and engineering in 1981.

Professor Curtis's early research focused on the radical chemistry of silicon and led to work on silicone polymers and germanium and tin small ring metallocycles. He has made significant contributions to the organometallic chemistry of metal-metal triple bonds and to monocyclopentadienyl compounds of Nb and Ta. He has also studied tris(pyrazolyl)borate organometallic complexes and the chemistry of bimetallic sulfido clusters related to hydrodesulfurization catalysis and CO hydrogenation, and he contributed to the development of new heterogeneous catalysts for the production of environmentally benign hydrofluorocarbons. His recent work has focused on the synthesis and characterization of new classes of conducting polymers for organic light emitting diodes, field effect transistors, and electrolytes for Li-ion battery technology.

As chair of the Department of Chemistry from 1987-91, Professor Curtis championed extensive curricular reform, revised policies for the promotion of research, was involved in the hiring of distinguished additions to the faculty, and was a leader in the department's efforts that led to a reorganization of its traditional subdivisions. He taught a wide range of classes including general chemistry, physical methods in inorganic chemistry, and molecular orbital methodology, and he was co-principal investigator of a \$2.8 million National Science Foundation research and training grant which integrated research and training in the fields of chemistry, engineering, and physics and benefited many students. Professor Curtis received the University's Distinguished Service Award in 1972 and the Excellence in Research Award in 1995.

The Regents now salute this distinguished teacher, scholar, and administrator by naming **M. David Curtis professor emeritus of chemistry and professor emeritus of macromolecular science and engineering.**

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Frank Garland, Ph.D., associate professor of chemistry in the College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, retired from active faculty status on April 30, 2005.

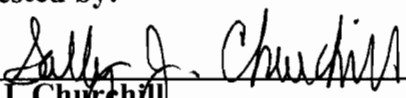
Professor Garland received his B.S. degree in chemistry from Widener College in 1962 and his Ph.D. degree in physical chemistry from the University of Maryland in 1968. He held several research and teaching appointments at the H.C. Ørsted Institute in Copenhagen, Denmark, and the University of Alabama-Birmingham before joining the University of Michigan-Dearborn faculty as an associate professor of chemistry in 1983.

Professor Garland's research expertise is in physical biochemistry, and much of his work focuses on studying the conformation of muscle proteins by means of fluorescence energy transfer. His teaching included the sequence of physical chemistry lecture and laboratory courses, and he also taught and restructured the first-year general chemistry courses. Professor Garland served as chair of the chemistry program and represented the Department of Natural Sciences and the Dearborn campus as a representative on several committees.

Off campus, Professor Garland has made numerous contributions to the field, including collaborating with Ford Motor Company on the project "Lifetime Measurements of Excited State Photochemistry of UVA Material." He has also been a member of the American Chemical Society, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Biophysical Society, and Sigma Xi.

The Regents salute this distinguished chemist for his dedicated service by naming **Frank Garland associate professor emeritus of chemistry.**

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Alvin L. Jensen, Ph.D., associate professor of biometry in the School of Natural Resources and Environment, will retire from active faculty status on June 30, 2005, after a most productive career as a teacher and researcher.

Professor Jensen received his B.S. degree from the University of Minnesota-Duluth in 1963 and his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees at Michigan State University in 1966 and 1969, respectively. He began his career as a teaching assistant at Michigan State University's Department of Fisheries and Wildlife (1963-1969), and then served as a biologist and biometrician for the Tennessee Valley Authority (1969-72) and a research biologist for the Environmental Protection Agency (1972-73). Professor Jensen joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1973 and was promoted to an associate professor in 1976.

Professor Jensen's scholarly interests focus on the area of sampling, contaminate uptake and transfer, environmental assessment, fishery assessment, and modeling the dynamics of populations and communities. He has published over 80 articles in peer reviewed journals. Among his many contributions to the field are the development of a method for statistical analysis of biological data from pre- to post-operational industrial water quality monitoring and the application of time series analysis and forecasting methods to study several fish species and to validate extensive environmental data sets. Professor Jensen served as coordinator of the Michigan Sea Grant Fisheries Subprogram from 1974-76 and as a scientist-in-residence at Argonne National Laboratory from 1980-81. He served on the Electric Power Research Institute's Committee on Fish Compensation, and within the University he served on the Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies Executive Board and on the Faculty Senate.

The Regents salute this distinguished educator and researcher by naming **Alvin L. Jensen associate professor emeritus of biometry**.

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Marvin M. Kirsh, M.D., professor of surgery in the Medical School, will retire from active faculty status on June 30, 2005.

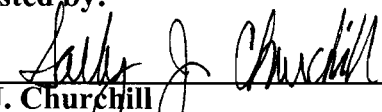
Born and raised in Baltimore, Dr. Kirsh received his A.B. degree from The Johns Hopkins University in 1955 and his M.D. degree from the University of Maryland in 1959. After completing his internship and residency training at the University of Michigan from 1959-68, he joined the faculty as an instructor in 1968 and was promoted to assistant professor in 1970, associate professor in 1972, and professor in 1974.

During the course of his career, Dr. Kirsh has made monumental contributions to cardiac surgery and resident education. The education of a cardiac surgeon is often demanding and even harrowing, but Dr. Kirsh has made it his life's work. He is legendary among the cardiac and thoracic surgery residents for the dedication, devotion and passion he brings to the task of educating the next generation of cardiac surgeons, and he is a meticulous instructor of surgical technique who possesses an incredible command of the medical literature. Since 1990 he has served as director of cardiothoracic surgery at the Ann Arbor Veterans Administration Hospital, which has been the back-bone of the University's residency teaching program for years. Under his direction the VA's cardiac surgical programs have become among the busiest and most productive in the United States.

Despite a prodigious academic output including over 200 manuscripts and book chapters, numerous research grants, and an extremely busy clinical load, Dr. Kirsh has always embraced his role of training the many students and residents who have come through the program. In recognition of his contributions both in the treatment of cardiovascular disease and in the education of young physicians, Dr. Kirsh received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Heart Association in 1997.

The Regents now salute this distinguished medical scholar for his dedicated service by naming **Marvin M. Kirsh professor emeritus of surgery**.

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Richard S. Norman, Ph.D., associate professor of biology in the College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, retired from active faculty status on April 30, 2005.

Professor Norman received his B.S. degree from the California Institute of Technology in 1961 and his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Michigan in 1963 and 1967, respectively. He was a lecturer and research associate at the University of Michigan from 1966-68 and an assistant professor in the biological sciences group at the University of Connecticut from 1968-75. He joined the University of Michigan-Dearborn faculty as an associate professor of biology in 1975.

Although Professor Norman's research expertise is in neurophysiology, his interests are much broader. Most of his teaching was in neurobiology, comparative animal physiology, and introductory biology, but he also taught courses in receptors and cell signaling, cell biology, environmental physiology, biological physics, bioinformatics, electronic instrumentation, and microcomputer operating systems. Professor Norman's reading and interests encompassed all of science and well beyond, and he was the first to ask a question in a colloquium on any topic in science or mathematics. He always explored every aspect of a question and developed a reputation as a "devil's advocate" as he fully examined critical issues.

Professor Norman contributed to the biological science program at the University of Michigan-Dearborn in many ways. He was chair of the discipline and an intellectual leader, advocate, and mentor. He had a strong commitment to faculty governance, and he served the department and the campus community as a representative on several vital college and campus committees.

The Regents now salute this distinguished biologist for his dedicated service by naming **Richard S. Norman associate professor emeritus of biology**.

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Carl L. Pierson, Ph.D., assistant professor of microbiology in the Medical School, will retire from active faculty status on June 30, 2005.

Professor Pierson received his B.S. (1964), M.S. (1967), and Ph.D. (1972) degrees from the University of Michigan. In 1973, he joined the University of Michigan staff as the director of the burn center laboratory in the Department of Surgery. He held that position until 1979, when he was appointed associate director of the microbiology laboratory and instructor. He was promoted to assistant professor in 1982 and director of the microbiology lab in 1986.

Professor Pierson's early investigational activities centered on the biology of infections in burn patients, and his work later expanded into areas relating to clinical laboratory screening of pathogenic bacteria and evaluation of microbial sensitivity to antibiotics. More recently, Professor Pierson served as a key consultant to the microbiology lab staff and has been recognized for his skills and expertise by clinicians in the area of consultative interpretations. In addition, he has continued to maintain an active translational research program as principal investigator of funded research studies and has participated in such collaborative efforts as "Susceptibility and Surveillance Study of Antimicrobial Resistance of Common Pathogens," and "Evaluation of novasomes and dendrimers as barrier molecules for the prevention and treatment of infectious disease."

A dedicated teacher, Professor Pierson has taught many medical technology students, medical students, and graduate and undergraduate students within the Department of Pathology, the Medical School, and the School of Public Health. He also served as coordinator for the postgraduate training program in public health and coordinator for the pathology house officer clinical microbiology rotation. His contributions to the department and his outstanding leadership in the microbiology laboratory are a testament of his dedication to the University and to the field.

The Regents now salute this distinguished scholar by naming **Carl L. Pierson assistant professor emeritus of pathology**.

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