

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

*Regents Communication*

**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

**Leslie Doty Hollingsworth, Ph.D.**, associate professor of social work in the School of Social Work, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2016.

Professor Hollingsworth received her B.A. (1963) degree from Bennett College, her M.S.W. (1965) degree from Syracuse University, and her Ph.D. (1995) degree from Purdue University. She joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1996, and was promoted to associate professor in 2002.

Professor Hollingsworth's research focused on circumstances surrounding the lives of vulnerable children and families across the child welfare and mental health systems and their implications for social work practice and policy. Her adoption-related research examines perspectives and experiences of members of the adoption triad - adopted individuals, adoptive parents, and birth parents. She is also evaluating the effects of Africentric curricular content on students' knowledge, values, and skills in interpersonal practice with African American families. An accomplished well-funded researcher, she was the principal and co-investigator on research grants funded by the National Center for Institutional Diversity, National Institute of Mental Health, and the Skillman Foundation among others. Her accomplishments in research, scholarship, and service have earned her recognitions such as the University's Harold R. Johnson Diversity Service Award (2013), the SAGE/CSWE Innovative Teaching Award (2014), and the National Association of Black Social Workers' Distinguished Individual Service Award (2016).

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Leslie Doty Hollingsworth, associate professor emerita of social work.**

**Requested by:**



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