

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Jane P. Sheldon, Ph.D., professor of psychology in the University of Michigan-Dearborn College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, retired from active faculty status on April 30, 2019.

Professor Sheldon received her B.A. (1983) degree from Pomona College and her M.A. (1987) and Ph.D. (1992) degrees from the University of Michigan. She served on the faculty of Ferrum College from 1993-95. She joined the University of Michigan-Dearborn faculty as a visiting assistant professor in 1995, and was promoted to assistant professor in 1996, associate professor in 2004, and professor in 2010.

Professor Sheldon's teaching was comprised of introductory and advanced courses in psychology. She taught Introduction to Psychology and Introduction to Psychology as a Natural Science regularly, as well as upper-level courses in developmental psychology, particularly Psychology of Adolescence. She also introduced a new course, Self and Identity: Psychological Perspectives, and revised and updated Lifespan Development Psychology into a distance learning course. A passionate, rigorous, and dedicated teacher, she mentored dozens of students, supervising undergraduate research projects in psychology, undergraduate psychology honors theses, and master's theses in health psychology, liberal studies, and (as a faculty affiliate of the Department of Human Genetics in the University of Michigan Medical School), genetic counseling. Frequently nominated by students for the University of Michigan-Dearborn's Distinguished Teaching Award, she received that award in 2004, and her teaching was further honored with the Robert S. Daniel Teaching Excellence Award from the American Psychological Association's Division 2 (Society for the Teaching of Psychology) in 2008.

Professor Sheldon's research interests included attributions, stereotypes, and attitudes towards others, self-perceptions and self-evaluation, gender role socialization and gender issues, developmental psychology, and sport psychology. She also embodied the University of Michigan-Dearborn's teacher-scholar model for its faculty by publishing extensively on pedagogy and the teaching of psychology, in addition to authoring a number of study guides, workbooks, and test banks for widely-used introductory and specialized textbooks in psychology.

The Regents now salute this distinguished psychologist for her service to the University of Michigan-Dearborn by naming **Jane P. Sheldon, professor emerita of psychology**.

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