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ACTION REQUEST

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

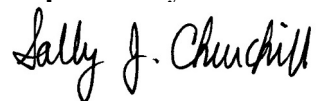
**Rashmi Luthra, Ph.D.**, professor of communications and composition in the College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, University of Michigan-Dearborn, retired from active faculty status on April 30, 2022, following 30 years of service to the University.

Professor Luthra earned her B.A. (1979) degree from Delhi University, her M.A. (1982) degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and her Ph.D. (1988) degree in mass communications from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Professor Luthra joined the University of Michigan-Dearborn faculty as an assistant professor in 1991, and was promoted to associate professor in 1997, and professor in 2005. She served as the chair of the Department of Language, Culture and Communication. She established the communication major and served as its first director. She also served as director of the Women's Studies Program and was instrumental in establishing the Women's Studies major.

Professor Luthra has centered her scholarly work on feminist postcolonial approaches to the study of media and communication. During her tenure at the University of Michigan-Dearborn she has published over 26 articles. She has also edited the Journalism and Mass Communication theme of the *Encyclopedia of Life Support Systems* published by UNESCO. She is currently completing a book with the University of Michigan press. In addition, she has served as the chair of the Feminist Scholarship Division and chair of the Global Communication and Social Change Division of the International Communication Association, one of the two flagship organizations in her field. She received a University of Michigan Regents' Medal for Dedicated Service in 2002 and the University of Michigan-Dearborn's Distinguished Academic Citizenship Award in 2021.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member for her service to the University of Michigan-Dearborn by naming **Rashmi Luthra, professor emerita of communications and composition**.

**Requested by:**



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