

The University of Michigan Regents Communication

Request for Action

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Catherine Shakespeare, Ph.D., Thomas C. Jones Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education and professor of accounting in the Stephen M. Ross School of Business, retired from active faculty status on May 1, 2026.

Professor Shakespeare received her B.A. degree from Dublin City University in 1990 and her Ph.D. from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 2002. She is a fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland and previously served as an audit senior at Arthur Andersen & Co. in Dublin and Chicago. Professor Shakespeare joined the University of Michigan faculty as a lecturer in 2001 and was appointed assistant professor in 2002. She was promoted to associate professor in 2011 and professor in 2023. Her leadership roles at the university include serving as faculty director of the Master of Accounting Program (2011-2017), associate dean for teaching and learning (2020-2023), and Thomas C. Jones Associate Dean for Undergraduate Programs (2023-2026).

A preeminent scholar in financial accounting, Professor Shakespeare focused her research on fair value accounting, asset securitizations, and the effects of financial reporting regulation. Her extensive publication record includes lead articles in the *Journal of Accounting and Economics* and *The Accounting Review*, and she served as an editor for the *Journal of Business Finance and Accounting* from 2012 to 2025. An award-winning educator, she received the MICPA Distinguished Achievement in Accounting Education award in 2021. Professor Shakespeare was unfailingly dedicated to her students and valued the act of teaching as a sacred trust. Her service to the profession is further evidenced by her extensive work with the Financial Accounting Standards Board and the European Accounting Association.

The Regents now salute this distinguished scholar, teacher, and administrator by naming **Catherine Shakespeare, professor emerita of accounting.**

Requested by:



Jon Kinsey

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