

**THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN**

*Regents Communication*

**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject:** **Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested:** **Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

**Cynthia S. Darling-Fisher, Ph.D.**, clinical associate professor of nursing in the School of Nursing, retired from active faculty status on August 31, 2021.

Professor Darling-Fisher received her Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from Cornell University in 1971, her Master of Science degree in nursing from the University of Rochester in 1978, and her Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Michigan in 1987. Professor Darling-Fisher joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor from 1979-82. She later rejoined the U-M School of Nursing as an assistant professor from 1987-2007. She was transferred to clinical assistant professor in 2007, and was promoted to clinical associate professor in 2016.

Professor Darling-Fisher was a family nurse practitioner with clinical experience in pediatric, internal medicine, and family practice settings. Her professional and academic career focused on the examination of ways to improve patient-provider communication to improve care delivery and patient outcomes, particularly with high-risk adolescent populations. Professor Darling-Fisher taught in the undergraduate and graduate program levels. She had a long-standing history as a nurse practitioner educator with expertise in curriculum development, program coordination, and clinical and classroom teaching for the primary care nurse practitioner programs. She received several notable awards and honors, including being inducted as a fellow of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners in 2019 and receiving the School of Nursing's Mae Edna Doyle Teacher of the Year Award in 2021 and Sigma Theta Tau, Rho Chapter's Excellence in Nursing Mentorship Award in 2005.

The Regents now salute this distinguished nursing educator for her dedicated service by naming **Cynthia S. Darling-Fisher, clinical associate professor emerita of nursing**.

**Requested by:**

*Sally J. Churchill*

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Vice President and Secretary of the University**

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