

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

*Regents Communication*

**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

**Carol S. Jacobsen, M.F.A.**, professor of art and design in the Penny W. Stamps School of Art and Design and professor of women's and gender studies in the College of Literature, Science and the Arts, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2021.

Professor Jacobsen is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University, where she received a B.F.A. (1975) degree in drawing and an M.F.A. (1980) degree in painting. Professor Jacobsen joined the University of Michigan faculty as a visiting artist in 1995. She was appointed an assistant professor of art in 1997, and was promoted to associate professor of art in 2000, and professor of art and design in 2006. She has held the additional title of professor of women's and gender studies since 2006.

Professor Jacobsen was an internationally-recognized artist, writer, educator, activist, and political organizer whose research and creative work focus on the impact of gender discrimination in the American criminal justice system. Her visual work has been screened worldwide under the co-sponsorship of Amnesty International. A respected pioneering scholar in the study of women's imprisonment and disparities in incarceration rates and sentencing between women and men, she has lectured and presented papers in the U.S. and abroad and her writings have been published in major law journals and numerous other venues. Her latest book - *For Dear Life: Women's Decriminalization and Human Rights in Focus* - was published in 2019. The Michigan Women's Justice & Clemency Project, under her direction (1993 to present), has freed 13 women from life sentences and continues to raise awareness of human rights violations of incarcerated women in the state of Michigan. In 2010, she received the Sarah Goddard Power Award in recognition of her significant contributions to the betterment of women at U-M and globally.

The Regents now salute this distinguished artist and educator for her dedicated service by naming **Carol S. Jacobsen, professor emerita of art and design and professor emerita of women's and gender studies.**

**Requested by:**



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**Sally J. Churchill, J.D.**  
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