

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

*Regents Communication*

ACTION REQUEST

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

**Annemarie Sullivan Palincsar, Ph.D.**, Ann L. Brown Distinguished University Professor of Education, Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, Jean and Charles R. Walgreen Jr. Professor of Reading and Literacy, and professor of education in the School of Education, retired from active faculty status on August 31, 2021.

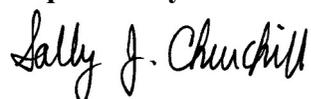
Professor Palincsar received her B.S. degree from Fitchburg State College in 1972. She received her M.S. degree in 1974 and her Ph.D. degree in 1982, both from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She joined Michigan State University as an assistant professor in 1983, and was promoted to associate professor in 1987. She joined the University of Michigan faculty as an associate professor in 1989, and was promoted to professor in 1993. She served as associate dean for graduate affairs (1998-2002), associate dean for academic affairs (2008-12), and chair of the educational studies program (2018-21). She was appointed as an Arthur F. Thurnau Professor in 2006 and as the Ann L. Brown Distinguished University Professor of Education in 2020.

Professor Palincsar's scholarship transformed the field of cognition, learning, and instruction by developing a preeminent program of research based on the belief that the purpose of education is to facilitate children's ability to think, reason, problem solve, and transfer learning to novel situations. She launched Reciprocal Teaching (RT), one of the most successful literacy instructional interventions in the world to date. Her seminal work documenting the effectiveness of RT has since inspired many researchers to replicate the results across a variety of instructional contexts and has gained a wide practitioner audience of reading educators. Her preeminent scholarship enhances learning and instruction for diverse groups of students, especially for those students who typically struggle with school-based learning.

Professor Palincsar achieved top distinctions in both the education and literacy fields. She is an elected member of the National Academy of Education and is an American Educational Research Association (AERA) Fellow. She was elected to the Reading Hall of Fame in 2017, and she received the P. David Pearson Scholarly Influence Award in 2019 for her contributions to advancing literacy research and instruction.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Annemarie Sullivan Palincsar, Ann L. Brown Distinguished University Professor Emerita of Education, Arthur F. Thurnau Professor Emerita, and professor emerita of education.**

Requested by:



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