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**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

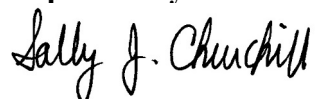
**Beverley A. Smith, Ph.D.**, associate professor of anthropology in the College of Arts and Sciences, University of Michigan-Flint, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2023.

Professor Smith received her Ph.D. (1996) and M.A. (1985) degrees from Michigan State University. She joined the University of Michigan-Flint faculty in 1990, first as an instructor, then as a visiting assistant professor. In 1997, Professor Smith was hired as an assistant professor and was promoted to associate professor in 2003.

Professor Smith is a preeminent researcher in the field of Great Lakes archeology. Her impressive record of scholarship spans four decades, specializing in the recovery and analysis of animal and human remains. Notable contributions include the Stone Street Ancestral Recovery and Reburial Project for which she was awarded the Karlstom Award for Civic Engagement, Great Lakes digital faunal databases for a National Science Foundation project, and she is a recognized expert in dogs and canine burials from the Great Lakes. Professor Smith has disseminated her work broadly in scholarly journals, book chapters, presentations to professional and community organizations, and professional reports. Her scholarly record is coupled with outstanding teaching and service. The sole archeologist and biological anthropologist on the faculty, she established the subdisciplines within the major, developing ten courses, including archaeological field schools with the Saugeen First Nations. Professor Smith has a longstanding record of leadership and service, assuming substantive roles at all levels of the university, including Academic Affairs Advisory Committee and Honors Council; Executive, Academic Standards, Curriculum, and LEO Review Committees; chairperson of Sociology, Anthropology and Criminal Justice; and myriad departmental searches and scholarship and curricular development committees. Active in her discipline, she serves as president of the Huron Valley Chapter of the Michigan Archaeological Society, Conference on Michigan Archaeology and as an expert and consultant to multiple groups, including the Genesee County Land Bank, Saginaw Chippewa Tribe, Sault St. Marie Tribe, and Parks Canada. Professor Smith's professional contributions have strengthened her position at the forefront of the field, enriched course content and activities, and afforded professional connections and off-site learning opportunities for our students.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Beverley A. Smith, associate professor emerita of anthropology**.

**Requested by:**



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**Sally J. Churchill, J.D.**  
**Vice President and Secretary of the University**

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