## THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

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## **ACTION REQUEST**

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement
Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

**Susan C. McDonough, Ph.D.,** research associate professor and adjunct associate professor of social work in the School of Social Work, and associate research scientist in the Center for Human Growth and Development, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2013.

Professor McDonough earned her B.S. (1972) and M.A. (1974) degrees from Northern Illinois University, her Ph.D. (1981) degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and her M.S.W. (1992) degree from Smith College. She joined the University of Michigan School of Social Work faculty as an assistant professor in 1992, was appointed associate research scientist in 2000, and was promoted to research associate professor in 2005. She received an additional appointment as an assistant research scientist in the Center for Human Growth and Development in 1995, and was promoted to associate research scientist in 2000.

Professor McDonough's research focused on the environmental, familial, and social factors that influence the mental health of infants and young children. Her work sought to develop innovative and preventative interventions to improve parent-child relationships and the mental health of children. Her research was based upon John Bowlby and Mary Main's pioneering work on parent-infant attachment and interaction. Professor McDonough had a superb funding record and a strong publication record with many of her articles appearing in major peer-reviewed journals. She was a frequent invited lecturer and actively involved in national professional societies. She played key leadership roles in the establishment of the University-wide Committee for Children and the Welcome Back Veterans Initiative which developed models for service delivery to veterans and their families. Professor McDonough was a gifted teacher and dedicated mentor to her countless graduate and undergraduate students, many of whom have gone on to distinguished careers in social work and academia.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming Susan C. McDonough research associate professor emerita and associate research scientist emerita.

Requested by:

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