

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

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ACTION REQUEST

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

Nancy Konigsberg Kerner, M.A., lecturer IV in chemistry, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, retired from active faculty status on June 30, 2014.

Ms. Konigsberg Kerner received her B.A. degree from Hunter College in 1956 and her M.A. degree from Columbia University in 1958. She joined the University of Michigan as a senior research associate in internal medicine in 1975. She was appointed lecturer in chemistry in 1976, and was promoted to lecturer III in 1995, and lecturer IV in 2005. She also held an additional appointment in the Center for Research on Learning and Teaching from 1980-84.

An exemplary scholar and teacher, Ms. Konigsberg Kerner is recognized as a leader in the fields of guided inquiry learning, team-based learning, and technology and online learning resources. Her leadership was instrumental to the infusion of technology and online learning resources in three chemistry courses as well as academic gateway courses in seven other disciplines. She authored and co-authored five books including *A Handbook for University of Michigan Teaching Assistants* (1983), *Chemical Investigations* (1986), *Collaborative Investigations in Chemistry* (1996), and *Guided Inquiry Experiments for General Chemistry: Practical Problems and Applications* (2007). Ms. Konigsberg Kerner has a notable history of successfully securing research funding, an outstanding record of scholarly publications, and was a frequent invited lecturer and presenter. She served as the University's chemistry editor (2000-10) and project director (2010-14) to the Multimedia Educational Resources for Learning and Online Teaching (MERLOT) organization that curates a collection of free and open online teaching, learning, and faculty development services. Ms. Konigsberg Kerner received numerous awards including the University's Innovative Achievement in Education Award (1999), the Excellence in Education Award (1999 and 2013), the Gilbert Whitaker Award for the Improvement of Teaching (2003), the Instructional Technology Award (2003), and the Distinguished Faculty Teaching Award (2009). She received the Smithsonian Institute's Computerworld Smithsonian Laureate Award for innovative use of technology in 1999.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Nancy Konigsberg Kerner, lecturer IV emerita of chemistry**.

Requested by:



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