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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

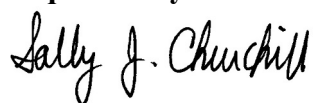
Laurie L. Lachance, Ph.D., associate research scientist, health behavior and health education in the School of Public Health, retired from active faculty status on September 29, 2023.

Dr. Lachance received her B.A. (1979), M.A. (1981), M.P.H. (1994) and Ph.D. (1999) degrees from the University of Michigan. She was a visiting research fellow at the School of Medicine, University of Southampton, U.K. (2001-2002). Dr. Lachance joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant research scientist in 2003, was promoted to associate research scientist in 2012, and served as the director of evaluation at the Center for Managing Chronic Disease from 2006 to retirement.

For many years, Dr. Lachance has been the leader of an evaluation team that has a national reputation for conducting successful large-scale multi-site evaluations. Dr. Lachance has played an important role in advancing the relevant scientific methods in her field. She has developed methods using both quantitative and qualitative research approaches that allow researchers to better understand issues of community engagement, changes in health system processes, and outcomes of new initiatives. These methods have been incorporated into training opportunities that have benefitted the next generation of public health researchers. Dr. Lachance has co-authored over 65 peer-reviewed publications, a book chapter on equitable change in community-built environments for family health, and a book on community partnerships. She has lectured at UM and internationally in the U.K. and India, in the areas of epidemiology, health behavior, and evaluation methods. Her UM affiliations include the Poverty Solutions Initiative and the Sustainable Food Systems Initiative. Her professional affiliations include the Society for Epidemiologic Research, the American Public Health Association, and the executive committee of the International Society for Integrative Medicine (2007-2012). Dr. Lachance served as associate editor on the journal *BMC Complementary and Alternative Medicine* (2011-2018), and as a select panel and content area expert on several initiatives, including the Common Community Measures for Obesity Prevention Project (CDC, 2008-2009) and the Community Health Initiative at Kaiser Permanente (2009-2015).

The Regents now salute this distinguished scholar for her dedicated service by naming **Laurie L. Lachance, associate research scientist emerita, health behavior and health education.**

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