

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

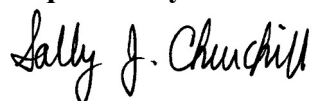
Terri Sarris, M.A., Senior Lecturer/lecturer IV in Film, Television and Media (FTVM) in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2023.

Ms. Sarris received her Master of Arts degree in communication arts and film from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan in 1985 and her Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan in 1979. She joined the University of Michigan's communication department in 1984 as a lecturer III and in 1996 transferred her line to the Program in Film/Video, the precursor of FTVM. In 2002, she was promoted to Senior Lecturer and then lecturer IV in 2005.

During her twenty-seven years in FTVM, Ms. Sarris excelled as a departmental citizen and undergraduate teacher while maintaining her artistic career. She was the first faculty member in FTVM to hold the position of associate chair in 2005, when the Film and Video Program became a department. Ms. Sarris was instrumental in building the curriculum in film and television production and in creating policies for the undergraduate program. She produced the guidance for advising, internships, study abroad, and transfer of credits in addition to writing the first iteration of the honors handbook. A stellar teacher, Ms. Sarris designed FTVM's required media production class and took leadership in developing the highly popular courses in television production. She has received multiple accolades as a teacher, including being one of five lecturers in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts to be awarded the distinction of Senior Lecturer in 2002, winning the Excellence in Advising Award in 2003, the Excellence in Education Award in 2010, and being selected as one of five faculty fellows in 2016 to be part of the Bentley Historical Library Fellows Program. During her career at Michigan, Ms. Sarris maintained an active artistic practice, producing creative films that include both experimental and documentary work as well as screenwriting. Her films have been shown at multiple festivals around the United States.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Terri Sarris, lecturer IV emerita in film, television and media**.

Requested by:



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