

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Marilyn A. Roubidoux, M.D., professor of radiology in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on October 25, 2025.

Professor Roubidoux received her medical degree from the University of Utah School of Medicine in 1984. She joined the University of Michigan faculty in 1992 as an assistant professor, and was promoted to associate professor in 1998, and professor in 2005.

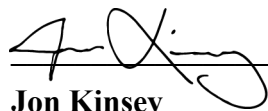
Professor Roubidoux is an internationally recognized expert in the diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer. She was a pioneer in the use of cryoablation for treatment and performed the first cryoablation for breast cancer at the University of Michigan. This treatment gave women a non-surgical option, avoiding the risks of anesthesia and often improving the cosmetic results. Her career as an outstanding clinician, researcher, and educator is recognized by numerous scholarly publications, book chapters, and abstracts. As well as an abundant amount of extramurally invited lecturers, seminars, workshops, committee participation, and grant funding.

A Native American, Professor Roubidoux has investigated access to healthcare among Native American populations in Alaska, Arizona and South Dakota. Professor Roubidoux addressed the problem of access to mammography among Native Americans living in rural areas, especially tribal reservations. She devised a method of providing access to breast cancer screening for women who often lacked transportation to healthcare facilities. Using external funding to send a mammography unit in a van to the Northern Plains Indian Reservation where images were sent to the University of Michigan by satellite. Real time interpretations enabled these women to obtain additional imaging, if needed, while still in the mobile unit, as transportation was often unavailable. Professor Roubidoux served on the board of directors of the American Indian Health and Family Services Clinic of Detroit for over 15 years.

In 1998, Professor Roubidoux received the Harold S. Johnson Diversity Service Award from the University of Michigan and in 2003 she received the Moccasin Award from the Aberdeen Area Indian Health Service. Her work with the Northern Plains Indians resulted in vastly improved diagnostic services for women from the Indian Health Service. Professor Roubidoux was personally featured in the National Institutes of Health exhibit “Changing the Face of Medicine: Celebrating America’s Women Physicians.”

The Regents now salute this distinguished scholar and teacher by naming **Marilyn A. Roubidoux, professor emerita of radiology**.

Requested by:



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