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**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

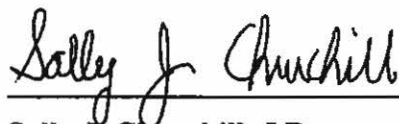
**Mary Beth Ofstedal, Ph.D.**, research scientist in the Population Studies Center and research scientist in the Survey Research Center, within in the Institute for Social Research, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2018.

Dr. Ofstedal received her B.A. degree from Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota in 1983. She received her M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Michigan in 1990 and 1995, respectively. She joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant research scientist in 1997, and was promoted to associate research scientist in 2003, and research scientist in 2012. Dr. Ofstedal served as a co-investigator and associate director of the Health and Retirement Study, a leading source for information on the changing health and economic circumstances of adults over age 50 in the United States. She also served as the network leader for the Network on Longitudinal Studies of Aging in the U.S., which was supported by the Michigan Center on the Demography of Aging.

Dr. Ofstedal's research interests included intergenerational relations and support, the connections between socioeconomic status and health, transitions in physical and cognitive functioning in old-age, issues relating to the access and utilization of health and long-term care services, methodological issues in survey research, longitudinal survey design and analysis, and comparative research. She managed all aspects of instrument design for the Health and Retirement Study and most recently designed a web-based version of its two-hour core interview. Dr. Ofstedal also directed research resulting from an NIA-funded collaborative study on comparative data on the aging and health in Asian populations. She published 62 journal articles and book chapters throughout her career. Dr. Ofstedal began her service as a board member of the Population Association of America in 2018. She received a Research Faculty Achievement Award from the UM Office of Research in 2012.

The Regents now salute this distinguished scholar by naming **Mary Beth Ofstedal, research scientist emerita**.

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