THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

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

Marsha L. Lesley, Ph.D., associate professor of nursing in the School of Nursing, University of Michigan-Flint, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2021.

Professor Lesley received her B.S.N. (1971) degree from Michigan State University and her M.L.I.S. (2000) and Ph.D. (2005) degrees in nursing from Wayne State University. She joined the University of Michigan-Flint faculty as an assistant professor in 2008, and was promoted to associate professor with tenure in 2016.

Professor Lesley served as lead faculty for the Research in Nursing (NUR 308) course, mentored junior faculty, and played an instrumental role in strengthening and standardizing the undergraduate nursing curriculum for a successful onsite accreditation review by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) in 2016. She co-developed and taught the graduate course in informatics. Professor Lesley was committed to advancing her scholarship, with funding and publications related to community mental health, informatics, and health promotion, as well as the scholarship of teaching effectiveness. Notable was her 2020 publication applying her expertise in psychoanalysis to consideration of moral injury among nurses on the COVID-19 frontlines. Her scholarship was also informed by insight gained during 23 years of diverse clinical appointments prior to joining academia.

Professor Lesley made significant contributions to the community, profession, and university. Among her contributions, she served as president of the Pi Delta Chapter of the Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society 2014-2019. She has provided extensive high-quality service to the School of Nursing by serving on numerous committees at the school and university level, often serving as chair.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming Marsha L. Lesley, associate professor emerita of nursing.

Requested by:

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