THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Abigail J. Stewart, Ph.D., Sandra Schwartz Tangri Distinguished University Professor of Psychology and Women’s and Gender Studies, professor of psychology, and professor of women’s and gender studies in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2022.

Professor Stewart received her A.B. (1971) degree from Wesleyan University, her M.Sc. (1972) degree from the London School of Economics, and her Ph.D. (1975) degree from Harvard University. Professor Stewart joined the University of Michigan faculty as a professor in 1987. Professor Stewart was named the Agnes Inglis Collegiate Professor of Psychology and Women’s Studies in 2000 and the Sandra Schwartz Tangri Distinguished University Professor of Psychology and Women’s and Gender Studies in 2005.

Professor Stewart is a renowned scholar who studies how identities (gender, ethnicity, class, sexuality) affect personality and development over the lifespan. Her body of research — over 250 articles, several books, and the Global Feminism Project — is honored by elected fellowship in the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Distinguished Contributions in Qualitative Inquiry Award and the Henry Russel Lectureship. Her career has also been a force for institutional change. She directed the Women’s Studies Program and helped establish it as a department in LSA. She helped found and directed the Institute for Research on Women and Gender, to support faculty research on women and gender across campus. As the founder and director of ADVANCE, she promoted the advancement, success, and well-being of underrepresented groups, including women, ethnic minorities, sexual minorities, and individuals with disabilities, first in STEM fields, and then extending to fields across campus. Her commitment to diversifying the academy and to women’s achievement are honored by the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund Award, the Harold Johnson Diversity Service Award, and the Sarah Goddard Power Award. A cherished colleague and mentor, her life changing impact on generations of students has been recognized by the Raymond D. Fowler Award and the Rackham Distinguished Graduate Mentor Award.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming Abigail J. Stewart, Sandra Schwartz Tangri Distinguished University Professor Emerita of Psychology and Women’s and Gender Studies, professor emerita of psychology, and professor emerita of women’s and gender studies.

Requested by:

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