

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Anne Ruggles Gere, Ph.D., Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, professor of English language and literature, College Literature, Science, and the Arts, Gertrude Buck Collegiate Professor of Education, and professor of education, Marsal Family School of Education, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2023.

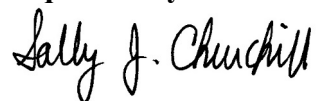
Professor Gere received a B.A. degree in English from Colby College in 1966, an M.A. degree in English from Colgate University in 1967, and a Ph.D. degree in English from the University of Michigan in 1974. From 1967 to 1970, Professor Gere was a teacher of English at Princeton High School in Princeton, New Jersey. She served as a lecturer at the University of Michigan from 1970 to 1971 and a research associate from 1974 to 1975 in the Center for Research on Learning and Teaching. In 1975, she was appointed assistant professor of English at the University of Washington and was awarded tenure in 1981. She joined the University of Michigan faculty in 1987 as associate professor of English and education and was promoted to professor in 1989. At the U-M she has held several administrative roles including chair of the Joint Ph.D. Program in English and Education from 1988-2023 and director of the Sweetland Center for Writing from 2008-2019. She held the Gertrude Buck Collegiate Professorship from 2007-2023, and an Arthur F. Thurnau Professorship from 2010-2023.

Professor Gere is a preeminent language education and literacy scholar who studies the teaching of writing, literacy development, composition studies, teacher education, and the figure of the female teacher. She has published 11 books, 6 textbooks, and over 100 articles. She taught courses focused on composition studies and methods of teaching English. At the University of Michigan, she has received the Provost's Teaching Innovation Prize (with Ginger Schultz), the Regents' Award for Distinguished Public Service, the John H. D'Arms Award for Distinguished Graduate Student Mentoring, the Distinguished Faculty Achievement Award, a Michigan Humanities Award, and a fellowship from the Institute for the Humanities. She has also received fellowships from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Spencer Foundation.

As a leader in the fields of English and education, she has been appointed to many prominent national service roles. She has served as president of the National Council of Teachers of English, as chair of the Conference on College Composition and Communication, and president of the Modern Language Association.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Anne Ruggles Gere, Arthur F. Thurnau Professor Emerita, professor emerita of English language and literature, and professor emerita of education.**

Requested by:



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