

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

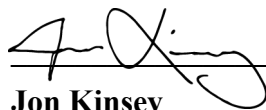
Larry M. Gant, Ph.D., professor of social work, School of Social Work, and professor of art and design, Penny W. Stamps School of Art and Design, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2024.

Professor Gant earned his A.B. degree from the University of Notre Dame in 1979. He received his M.S.W. (1981), M.A. (1985) in psychology, and Ph.D. (1986) in social work and social psychology from the University of Michigan. Professor Gant joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor of social work in 1987. He was promoted to associate professor of social work in 1995, and professor of social work in 2007. He was co-appointed as professor of art and design in 2011.

Professor Gant has served with distinction at the University of Michigan School of Social Work as a professor and administrator. In 2020, he was named as the second director of our DEI program, guiding the school through the tumult of the pandemic, and the series of great injustices around our nation throughout that time. In his own research, Professor Gant has worked simultaneously at the neighborhood level in our local community and in Detroit, as well as at the international level, studying the impacts of mass migration across major European communities, including Berlin, Glasgow, Amsterdam, Krakow, and Warsaw. In those communities, Professor Gant and teams of undergraduate and MSW students in a special course section traveled to these communities, working with local agencies and organizations to promote and implement prevention or negation measures for public health concerns, particularly concerning HIV/AIDS, violence-related PTSD, poverty-based afflictions, and more. Over several years, Professor Gant, his wife Christiane, and many students worked with local agencies in these communities to understand the development of these agencies through an arts lens, focused on their continual reinvention of legacy spaces.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Larry M. Gant, professor emeritus of social work and professor emeritus of arts and design.**

Requested by:



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