Citation for the Conferral of the Title

Professor Emerita

Linda Pierce

You received a Diploma in Nursing from The Toledo Hospital School of Nursing in 1964, a BSN in 1982 and an MSN in 1986, both from the University of Akron and a Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing from Wayne State University in 1998.

You joined the Medical College of Ohio as a faculty member in 1986 and became a tenured full professor in July, 2002. Across your academic career, you have been exemplary in sharing your research expertise in the areas of rehabilitation, stroke and caregiver with undergraduate and graduate students in the classroom and on-line.

You received numerous honors for your professional service, scholarly achievements and teaching efforts including: American Journal of Nursing (AJN) Book of the Year First-Place Award (2018) and Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing (2010).

For more than two decades, you have conducted groundbreaking research, consulted with other national and international researchers and gained funding of 1.5 million dollars. Your research team pioneered the innovative Caring-Web©, an effective Internet-based educational support for caregivers of persons with stroke and/or dementia that ultimately improves outcomes and is freely available globally. Your work has raised national and international awareness of the enormity and costs of caring for persons with stroke.

You have published over 125 articles and abstracts in refereed national/international journals, 30 refereed book chapters, and one edited book.

You have an outstanding record of professional service, particularly in the American Association of Rehabilitation Nurses holding many offices including President 2009-10 and Associate Editor of the Rehabilitation Nursing Journal (2014-2019).

In recognition, then, of your faithful service to this University, and as a tribute from your faculty colleagues, you are commended publicly and named by the Board of Trustees to the rank of Professor Emerita.

Sharon L. Gaber President Mary Ellen Pisanelli Board of Trustees Chair



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Professor Emerita

Gretchen Tietjen

Your journey to the University of Toledo began when you received your undergraduate BS degree from the University of Michigan in 1978. You then graduated from the University of Michigan Medical School in 1984, completed your residencies at the University of Rochester from 1984-86, and at The University of Michigan from 1986-1989. You completed a fellowship in Vascular Neurology from Henry Ford Health Systems in 1991. You became an associate professor in the Neurology Department for the Medical College of Ohio in 1996. You have led the neurology faculty since 1997, first as a division chief, and then as inaugural Chair since 1999, which has been endowed by the Clair Martig foundation since 2014.

During your tenure, you dedicated many hours to research and leadership. You served as the director of the Stroke Center from 1997-2012 and directed the university's Headache research and treatment center since 1996. In 2008, you were awarded the Seymour Solomon research prize from the American Headache Society and won the Stroke Innovation Award at the International Stroke Conference in 2009. You have garnered many awards from the American Headache Society including the Women Issues Research Award in 2010, the Harold G. Wolff Award in 2011, and the John R. Graham Award in 2017. You participated in over fifty research studies, authored over 100 scholarly papers, and contributed twenty book chapters to notable textbooks.

You served as a member and chair for many institutional committees. To name a few, you aided on the Graduate Medical Education Committee and the UTP Strategic Planning Committee. You also assisted as a mentor, teacher, and leader to countless students and residents. In 2001, you received the Dean's Award for Excellence in Teaching and have been honored as a University of Toledo Distinguished University Professor for the past seven years.

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Citation for the Conferral of the Title

Distinguished University Professor Emeritus

Paul W. Erhardt

Your distinguished career in Medicinal Chemistry spans the range from industry to academia. At American Critical Care, you were instrumental in development of esmolol hydrochloride, Brevibloc, one of the first "soft drugs" for use in critical care. You joined the University of Toledo in 1994 as Professor of Medicinal and Biological Chemistry and Director of the Center for Drug Design and Development (CD3). In 2012 you were named a Distinguished University Professor.

During your research career, you have focused on drug design and metabolism. Your projects at UT have included soybean glyceollins, small molecule anti-cancer drugs, and absorption, distribution, metabolism, and excretion – toxicity (ADMET) in drug design. You are co-inventor or co-author of nearly 175 U.S. patents, technical papers, or books and chapters. You have received multiple Outstanding Faculty and Research Awards from the College and University. You have been very active in the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC) and received the IUPAC Appreciation of Service Award in 2007. In 2018 you were inducted into the American Chemical Society (ACS) Medicinal Chemistry Hall of Fame.

As Director of the CD3, you have enhanced the research of many investigators across the University. Over 75 undergraduate and 28 doctoral or masters students have gained experience in your laboratory. Your research has been supported by multiple federal, foundation, and industrial grants and contracts and is ongoing.

In recognition of your long and distinguished career, your faithful and continuing service to the University, and in reflection of your colleague's judgment, you are honored publicly, and named by the Board of Trustees to the rank of Distinguished University Professor Emeritus.

Sharon L. Gaber President Mary Ellen Pisanelli Board of Trustees Chair



Citation for the Conferral of the Title

Professor Emerita

Marilynne Wood

A native of Bay Village, Ohio, you received a Diploma in Nursing from Mercy School of Nursing in Toledo in 1966, a BSN in 1987 and an MSN in 1994 both from the Medical College of Ohio and a PhD in Health Education from The University of Toledo in 2007.

You have served The University of Toledo as a faculty member in the Associate Degree Nursing Program and the College of Nursing advancing to the rank of Professor with Tenure in 2011. Across your career as a pediatric expert, your work has been exemplary in teaching nursing students in the classroom, clinical arena and community.

You received multiple honors for your professional performance including The Medical College Dean's Award (1995), The College of Health and Human Services Community Service award (2001), University of Toledo Faculty Service and Scholarship Awards (2015 and 2017), The Edith Rathbun Excellence in Outreach and Engagement Award (2015; 2016) and the Mercy College Alumni of the Year Award (2018).

Your engagement in service extended beyond The University of Toledo to the local and professional community including service with the Midwest Nursing Research Society, the American Public Health Association and the Ohio Asthma Coalition.

You have sustained scholarly activity and leadership in addressing lead poisoning and prevention through publications, presentations, outreach, service, and mentorship of honors and graduate students. As a scholar, you have shared your professional knowledge with an emphasis on your passion for the well-being of children and families. You have served as a community advocate and role model to colleagues. In recognition, of your faithful service to this University, and, as a tribute from your faculty colleagues, you are commended publicly and named by the Board of Trustees to the rank of Professor Emerita.

Sharon L. Gaber President Mary Ellen Pisanelli Board of Trustees Chair



Citation for the Conferral of the Title

Professor Emerita

Michelle M. Masterson

Your professional career began at the Medical College of Ohio (MCO) in 1984 as a physical therapist after graduating with a B.S. from Bowling Green State University (BGSU). In 1989, you became a lab instructor for the Physical Therapy Program at MCO and then earned your M.Ed. and Ph.D. from The University of Toledo (UT). In 2006, you became Director of the PT Program, and 2010 you became Chairperson of the Department of Rehabilitation Sciences until 2016 and continued to serve as the Director of the PT Program until your retirement.

You completed the Teaching Scholars Fellowship at MCO, earned the Outstanding Faculty Award in 1992 and 1996, and the Dean's Award for Teaching Excellence in 2005. You presented over 80 lectures, continuing education programs and seminars. You mentored over 70 students with their scholarly projects; several earned Best Platform Presentation at the Ohio Physical Association's Annual State Conference.

Your service earned you the MCO Heartbeat Award in 2001, Faculty Club Award in 2005, UT Distinguished Alumna Award in 2009, and the Shining Star Award in 2014. Your professional service also earned you the Outstanding Alumna Award from BGSU and Ohio's Outstanding Physical Therapist Award in 2018. You served on and had leadership roles in over 36 University and college committees. You spearheaded the development of the Parkinson's Disease Interdisciplinary Clinic in 2005 and you served on the faculty steering committee that developed and implemented the Interprofessional Education Program for first year health care students at UT and served as a faculty facilitator for the program until your retirement.

In recognition, then, of your service to this University, and as a tribute from your faculty colleagues, you are commended publicly and named by the Board of Trustees to the rank of Professor Emerita.

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Citation for the Conferral of the Title

Professor Emeritus

Thomas Barden

Dr. Thomas Barden joined the University's Department of English in 1976 after receiving his doctorate from The University of Virginia. From 1968 to 1971, he served as a First Lieutenant in the U.S Army, and was awarded the Bronze Star for service in a combat zone.

Dr. Barden was promoted to Associate Professor in 1980 and to Professor in 1990. He achieved distinction for his scholarship, service and teaching. He published in the areas of Southern Studies, slave literature, and oral tradition and folklore, with books from the University of Indiana Press (Weevils in the Wheat: Interviews with Virginia Ex-Slaves, 1976) and University of Virginia Press (Virginia Folk Legends, 1991). In 2012, he published Steinbeck in Vietnam: Dispatches from the War (The University of Virginia Press). He received the University's Outstanding Faculty Research Award in 1992, and was named National Phi Kappa Phi Scholar of the Year (2012-13). He has been book review editor of The Steinbeck Review since 2009.

Dr. Barden also assumed challenging administrative responsibilities, including Director of the Program in American Studies (1991-1997), Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences (1999-2004), Director of the Honors Program, founding Dean of the Honors College, and General Editor of the University of Toledo Press. His institutional distinctions include Professor of the Year (2000-2001), Outstanding Teacher (2006) and the Edith Rathbun Award for Excellence in Outreach and Engagement (2010). During his Fulbright year at the University of Wales, he was designated a Lifetime Fellow by the David and Mary Eccles Centre for American Studies at the British Library. He served as President of the Ohio Folklore Society, held a gubernatorial appointment to the board of the Ohioana Library Association and was a consultant for the Veteran's History Project at the Library of Congress.

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