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Ruth Lunt

RUTH LUNT, over the course of 28 years at Lawrence University, you have served as a steady force, stepping into a host of academic leadership positions that have lent stability in moments of uncertainty and grace in times of change. Your patience, kindness, and good humor are admired by many, and will be missed.

After receiving a bachelor's degree in German at Millersville State University and completing graduate work in English literature at Southern Methodist University, you earned a Master's degree in Linguistics at the University of Pittsburgh and then a Ph.D. in German Linguistics at Princeton. You joined the Lawrence University German department in 1992, following a year as visiting assistant professor of German at Penn State Behrend in Erie, Pennsylvania. In 1996, you became director of the Linguistics Program, which flourished under your guidance, thanks both to your expertise in the field and your talent in supporting interdisciplinary collaboration among colleagues.

Over the years, that particular talent has served Lawrence remarkably well. Academic departments you have chaired or co-chaired include Spanish, Russian, and German; you have served as head of the Foreign Language Coalition, student teacher supervisor, and director of the erstwhile Munich Seminar. University committees you have served on include the committees of Instruction, Curriculum, Enrollment, Governance, and Assessment, as well as task forces on student affairs and computing and technology. From 2010 to 2015 you served as Associate Dean of the Faculty, a role you filled with distinction at a critical time in the life of the university.

In recognition of your many contributions to Lawrence and its students, I am pleased to award you the degree of Master of Arts, *ad eundem*, on the occasion of your retirement from the faculty.

June 14, 2020