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## *Eilene Hoft-March*

EILENE HOFT-MARCH, over the course of your 34 year career at Lawrence you have distinguished yourself as a productive scholar, an empathetic, dedicated teacher, and a tireless advocate for those aspects of the Lawrence experience—French & Francophone Studies, Gender Studies, study abroad, and lifelong learning—that are among the most consequential, transformative aspects of a liberal arts education.

You graduated *magna cum laude* from Carroll College (now Carroll University) in 1974, then went on to earn the M.A. and Ph.D. in French at the University of California at Berkeley. Following a visiting teaching appointment at Mount Holyoke College, you came to Lawrence as Assistant Professor of French in 1988. Your scholarly publications include 14 articles and seven book chapters on an impressive range of topics, including French women's literature and women's experiences in academic administration. You have also published three edited collections, the most recent focused on teaching diversity and inclusion in the French-speaking classroom.

Your skill in the classroom has been recognized by every teaching award Lawrence has to offer: the Early-Career Teaching Award (granted in 1991), the *First-Year Studies* teaching award (in 1997), and the Excellence in Teaching Award (in 2011). You have served as Posse mentor, as special assistant to the president, and as acting associate dean of the faculty. A steadfast member of the Gender Studies Advisory committee, you directed a five-year combined NEH/NSF grant to refine the core course sequence in that major. And you have been a champion of Björklunden, serving on its advisory board and offering courses on France and French culture in its summer adult learning program.

In acknowledgment of your stellar record in teaching, scholarship, and service, in 2009 you were appointed the Milwaukee-Downer College and College Endowment Association Professor.

Eilene, 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 12, 2022*