MEMORIAL RESOLUTION FOR PROFESSOR EMERITUS CORA SCANLON

Cora Carroll Scanlon was born in Fort Montgomery, New York, on October 4, 1889, and died in Menlo Park, California, on August 5, 1975, after two years of deteriorating health. She is survived by her husband, Charles L. Scanlon, who taught French and Spanish at Marquette University from 1928 to 1947, and by a daughter, Veronica Bialik of Menlo Park.

Professor Scanlon began her long and varied teaching career in a rural school at Woodbury Falls in her native state from 1909 to 1911. Between 1916 and 1928 she taught Spanish, French, and Latin in the high schools of Slaterville Springs, New York, Bradford, Pennsylvania, Danbury, Connecticut, and Boston, Massachusetts. Her first appointment in what was to become UWM was as a teacher of Spanish, 1928-1930, in Milwaukee State Teachers College. She returned to MSTC in 1941, where she remained until her retirement as Assistant Professor Emeritus in 1960. Thus she participated in the creation of the present Department of Spanish and Portuguese at the time of merger in 1956. Late in her teaching career she undertook to master Portuguese. Soft spoken and gentle, she was keenly interested in and understanding of her students and colleagues.

Professor Scanlon's formal education included a bachelor's degree from Cornell University in 1915, with election to Phi Beta Kappa, and a master's degree from Middlebury College nine years later. Her preparation for teaching also included study in Mexico and extensive foreign travel. Her commitment to the teaching of foreign languages resulted in publication between 1937 and 1948 of six Latin and Spanish grammar and composition books.

While a faculty member in Milwaukee, Professor Scanlon participated actively in academic, professional, and church matters. Upon retirement her mastery of European languages and her fondness for art led to extensive travel on the European continent and residence in Germany, Spain, and France until 1963; thereafter, living in Menlo Park, she confined her travels to the United States and Mexico.

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