Beth Mintz, you arrived at the University of Vermont in 1977 after completing your graduate work in Sociology at the State University of New York at Stony Brook and were promoted to full Professor in 1989. You have been a campus leader and a fierce and effective campaigner for intellectual integrity and social justice at UVM and beyond.

Your many accomplishments bespeak the life of a major scholar: visiting positions at Harvard University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, a voluminous list of published books and articles, a University Scholar award, eight years as Chair of the Sociology Department, one year as interim Chair of Anthropology, chief negotiator for United Academics, the 2017 President’s Distinguished University Citizenship and Service Award, and more.

Your accomplishments also bespeak a passion for social justice: you were a founder of Women’s Studies at UVM in the 1980s and of the Faculty Women’s Caucus in the 1990s. You received the 2003 Faculty Award of UVM’s LGBTQ+ Services Diversity & Equity Unit; the 2003 Faculty Woman of the Year Award from UVM Women’s Center; and the 2014 Jackie Gribbons Leadership Award from Vermont Women in Higher Education. Your foresight is legendary: you repeatedly pioneered things when they were thought radical but are now taken for granted, including faculty mentoring, RPT workshops, institutional support for women and faculty of color; and—with some arm twisting in the form of a lawsuit in the 1990s—granting benefits to same-sex partners.

Professor Mintz, the University of Vermont is enormously indebted to you for your efforts to make the University and the world a better place. We wish you well in your retirement, and hope we can continue the tradition of progress at UVM that you did so much to energize.