Teaching is the largest—and arguably the most crucial—profession in our country. But it’s also one of the most complex, with little historical agreement on the training and skills required to lead a classroom and help every student achieve. The University of Michigan aims to remedy this centuries-old problem. Deborah Loewenberg Ball, dean of the University of Michigan School of Education and director of TeachingWorks, will explain how the School of Education is transforming teacher preparation through its own cutting edge teacher training programs and with the launch of the new national organization, TeachingWorks. Please join us for this engaging discussion!

Deborah Loewenberg Ball is the William H. Payne Collegiate Professor in education at the University of Michigan, and an Arthur F. Thurnau Professor. She currently serves as dean of the School of Education and as director of TeachingWorks. She taught elementary school for more than 15 years, and continues to teach mathematics to elementary students every summer. Ball’s research focuses on the practice of mathematics instruction, and on the improvement of teacher training and development. She is an expert on teacher education, with a particular interest in how professional training and experience combine to equip beginning teachers with the skills and knowledge needed for responsible practice. Ball has served on several national and international commissions and panels focused on policy initiatives and the improvement of education, including the National Mathematics Advisory Panel, and the National Science Board. She also chairs the Michigan Council for Educator Effectiveness.

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