

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

David L. Featherman, Ph.D., professor of sociology and professor of psychology in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and research professor in the Population Studies Center, Institute for Social Research, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2011.

Professor Featherman received his B.A. degree from Franklin and Marshall College in 1965, and his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Michigan in 1967 and 1969, respectively. Following faculty appointments at Princeton University (1969-70) and the University of Wisconsin (1970-89), he served as president of the Social Science Research Council from 1989-95. He joined the University of Michigan faculty in 1995 as director of the Institute for Social Research, professor of sociology, professor of psychology, and research scientist (now research professor). He served as director of the Institute for Social Research until 2005 and was director of the Center for Advancing Research and Solutions for Society (CARSS) from 2004-11.

Professor Featherman's research focus includes aging and the life course, social stratification, social psychology, and social mobility. He has authored or co-authored eight books and over eighty articles and book chapters. His distinguished body of work led to his recognition by many prestigious scholarly and research organizations, including election as a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences (1991) and the American Association for the Advancement of Science (1986). He received the Distinguished Scholar Award from the American Sociological Association's Section on the Sociology of Aging (1990). He has been a fellow at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences (1978-79), a John Simon Guggenheim Fellow (1986-87), president of the Sociological Research Association (2001-02), and recipient of the University of Michigan's National Center for Institutional Diversity Distinguished Scholarship and Engagement Award (2009).

The Regents now salute this distinguished scholar and administrator by naming **David L. Featherman professor emeritus of sociology, professor emeritus of psychology, and research professor emeritus.**

Requested by:



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