

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

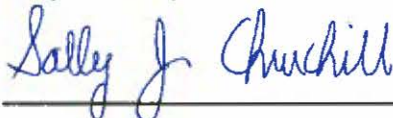
Bruce C. Richardson, M.D., Ph.D., Frederick G.L. Huetwell Research Professor of Rheumatology and professor of internal medicine in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on April 30, 2019.

Dr. Richardson received his two B.S. (1970) degrees from the University of Illinois and his M.D. (1974) and Ph.D. (1977) degrees from the University of Chicago. He completed his residency at the University of Michigan from 1977-79 and his rheumatology fellowship at the University of California, San Francisco from 1979-81. During his fellowship, Dr. Richardson accepted a position as a research associate at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute and remained in that role through 1982. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1982, and was promoted to associate professor in 1991, and professor in 1997. He also served as a physician at the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare system from 1986-2015. He was named the Frederick G.L. Huetwell Research Professor of Rheumatology in 2014.

Dr. Richardson was an outstanding physician scientist whose research focused on basic questions in systemic lupus and autoimmunity. He was credited with opening up the study of epigenetics as an important factor in the pathogenesis of autoimmune conditions. His original observations that the methylation/demethylation status of key immune interaction genes is abnormal in lupus and pertinent to the pathogenesis of lupus have stood the test of time and have indeed spawned a whole new field of investigation. Dr. Richardson's research was supported over the span of several decades by the National Institutes of Health and the VA Research Program. Additionally, his research resulted in 130 peer-reviewed publications, 22 book chapters and one book. A gifted teacher and dedicated mentor, he trained a number of researchers who have gone on to become leaders in the field of rheumatology. From 1992-2015, Dr. Richardson served as the chief of the Section of Rheumatology of the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Bruce C. Richardson, professor emeritus of internal medicine.**

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