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**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

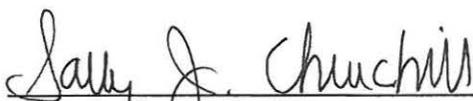
**David J. Tucker, Ph.D.**, professor of social work, in the School of Social Work and adjunct professor of sociology in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts will retire from active faculty status on May 31, 2013.

Professor Tucker received his B.A. degree from the University of New Brunswick in 1966, his M.S.W. degree from McGill University in 1968, and his Ph.D. degree from the University of Toronto in 1978. He served on the faculty of McMaster University from 1975-90. Professor Tucker joined the University of Michigan faculty as a professor of social work in 1990 and was appointed adjunct professor of sociology in 2001. He served as director of the Joint Doctoral Program in Social Work and Social Science from 2001-05.

Professor Tucker's scholarly work focused on the formation, growth, and death of organizations; the structural analysis of inter-organizational service delivery systems; and the application of macro organizational theory to the analysis of social policy issues. More recently he studied the production and validation of knowledge. His adaptation of attachment theory to the study of the behavior of children placed in foster care revealed connections between a child's history, timing of life changes, and current behavior. During his time as director of the Joint Doctoral Program he conducted an extensive program review and an empirical research study on interdisciplinary doctoral programs. His research found graduates of interdisciplinary programs to have a more generalist scholarly orientation and higher levels of scholarly productivity. A dedicated teacher and mentor, Professor Tucker served as a dissertation advisor and independent study advisor for a generation of graduate students.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **David J. Tucker professor emeritus of social work.**

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