

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

David K. Cohen, Ph.D., professor of education in the School of Education and professor of public policy in the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, retired from active faculty status on June 30, 2019.

Professor Cohen received his A.B. degree from Alfred University in 1956 and his Ph.D. degree from the University of Rochester in 1961. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as a professor in 1993. Professor Cohen was named the John Dewey Professor of Education from 1993-2018. He taught at the Harvard Graduate School of Education and Michigan State University before coming to the University of Michigan.

Professor Cohen was a nationally recognized authority on educational reform as well as an outstanding teacher and mentor. His research influenced educational policy, the relations between policy and instruction and between policy and research, the evaluation of educational experiments and large-scale intervention programs, and the reform and improvement of schools and teaching. He co-directed the Study of Instructional Improvement, a large longitudinal study of efforts to improve instruction and learning in reading and mathematics in high-poverty elementary schools. He authored eight books including *The Ordeal of Equality: Did Federal Regulation Fix the Schools?* (2009), which was among Education Next's top books of the decade. Professor Cohen is a member of the National Academy of Education and a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. His contributions have been recognized with the Palmer O. Johnson Memorial Award (2004) and the Distinguished Contributions to Research in Education Award (1999) from the American Educational Research Association. Professor Cohen was a consultant to the general counsel of the NAACP on schools and race; director of the Race and Education Project, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights; and president of The Huron Institute. He served as a member of the Council for the Behavioral and Social Sciences, National Academy of Sciences, National Research Council in Washington, D.C.; as a board member of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching; and as a board member of the Albert Shanker Institute.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **David K. Cohen, professor emeritus of education and professor emeritus of public policy.**

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