THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Yu Xie, Ph.D., Otis Dudley Duncan Distinguished University Professor of Sociology, professor of sociology, professor of statistics, College of Literature, Science and the Arts, professor of public policy, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, research professor, Survey Research Center, Institute for Social Research, and research professor, Population Studies Center, Institute for Social Research, will retire from active faculty status on July 31, 2015.

Professor Xie received his B.S. degree from the Shanghai University of Technology in 1982. He received his M.A. (1984), M.S. (1984), and Ph.D. (1989) degrees from the University of Wisconsin. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor of sociology in 1989, and was promoted to associate professor in 1994, and professor in 1996. He held additional appointments in the Department of Statistics, the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, and the Institute for Social Research. He was appointed the John Stephenson Perrin Professor (1996-99), the Frederick G.L. Huetwell Professor (1999-2004), the Otis Dudley Duncan Collegiate Professor (2004-07), and the Otis Dudley Duncan Distinguished University Professor (2007-2015).

A leading sociologist, exceptional researcher, and legendary teacher, Professor Xie studied social stratification, demography, statistical methods, and the sociology of science. He authored and co-authored a number of notable journal articles and books including Women in Science: Career Processes and Outcomes (2003), A Demographic Portrait of Asian Americans (2004), Marriage and Cohabitation (2007), Statistical Methods for Categorical Data Analysis (2008), and Is American Science in Decline? (2012). Professor Xie served as associate director of the Population Studies Center, associate chair of the Department of Sociology, director of the Quantitative Methodology Program at the Institute for Social Research, and director of the Survey Methodology and Quantitative Analysis Lab, University of Michigan-Peking University Joint Institute. He was a John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation fellow from 2002-03.

The Regents now salute this distinguished teacher, scholar, and administrator by naming Yu Xie, Otis Dudley Duncan Distinguished University Professor Emeritus of Sociology, professor emeritus of sociology, professor emeritus of statistics, professor emeritus of public policy, and research professor emeritus.

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