

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Albert C. Cain, Ph.D., professor of psychology in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, will retire from active faculty status on December 31, 2012.

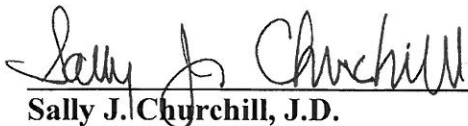
Professor Cain received his A.B. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Michigan in 1954 and 1962, respectively. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Department of Psychology in 1962. He was promoted to associate professor in both departments in 1965, and to professor of psychology in the Department of Psychology in 1969.

Professor Cain is known for his ground-breaking studies of children who have experienced loss. His internationally recognized research included the Family Styles Project, an intensive longitudinal study of parentally bereaved children. He also studied and published extensively on the effects of divorce and parental suicide on children, including the intergenerational effects and consequences.

As chair of the Department of Psychology from 1980-91, Professor Cain's transformative leadership broadened, diversified, and united the Department of Psychology into a community of interdisciplinary and diverse scholars noted for their collaborative research endeavors. During his tenure as chair, the Department of Psychology was consistently ranked within the top three university psychology programs in the nation. Other activities included service as chair of a task force on primary prevention for the American Orthopsychiatric Association, editor of the *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry* and the *Michigan Psychologist*, and chair of numerous committees within the University and in national mental health associations. In 1973, he received the Edwin Shneidman Award from the American Association of Suicidology, and in 1998, he received the Excellence in Education Award from the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.

The Regents now salute this distinguished teacher and researcher by naming **Albert C. Cain professor emeritus of psychology**.

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