

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

John R. Chamberlin, Ph.D., professor of public policy in the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy and professor of political science in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, will retire from active faculty status on December 31, 2013.

Professor Chamberlin received his B.S. degree from Lehigh University in 1965 and his Ph.D. degree from Stanford University in 1975. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as a lecturer in 1970, and was promoted to assistant professor in 1975, associate professor in 1978, and professor in 1986. He held additional appointments of assistant research scientist and associate research scientist in the Institute of Public Policy Studies.

Professor Chamberlin's scholarly work lies at the intersection of social choice theory, mathematical models of politics, ethics and public policy, political theory, and system design. His research explored a wide range of topics including gender equity, legislative redistricting, nonprofit management and policy, representation, and voting methods. Professor Chamberlin sought to gain insights into how legislatures and polities arrange their choice mechanisms to be equitable, efficient, and intelligible. He held numerous key leadership positions including associate dean for the Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies (1986-89), associate dean for academic appointments in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts (1991-95), interim dean of the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy (1997-99), and director of the Center for Ethics in Public Life (2008-11). Professor Chamberlin's colleagues, students, and readers have all benefitted from his uncompromising interest in making formal sense of problems that matter to people in the context of the political environments that influence their lives.

The Regents now salute this distinguished teacher, scholar and administrator, by naming **John R. Chamberlin professor emeritus of public policy and professor emeritus of political science.**

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