

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement
Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Dennis E. Lopatin, M.S., Ph.D., professor of dentistry and senior associate dean in the School of Dentistry, will retire from active faculty status on December 31, 2014.

Professor Lopatin received his B.S. (1970), M.S. (1972), and Ph.D. (1974) degrees from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Professor Lopatin joined the University of Michigan faculty as assistant professor in 1978, and was promoted to associate professor in 1982, and professor in 1990. He also served as an assistant research scientist (1976-81), associate research scientist (1981-86), and research scientist (1986-90) in the Dental Research Institute. He served as vice chair of the Department of Biologic and Materials Sciences from 1998-2001, interim chair of the Department of Periodontics, Prevention, and Geriatrics from 2001-02, and was appointed senior associate dean in the School of Dentistry in 2003.

Professor Lopatin is internationally recognized for his research on novel therapies for periodontal diseases, the relationships between oral microbiota and the host immune response, and immunodominant stress proteins of *P. gingivalis*. He has a notable history of successfully securing research funding, published numerous articles in the leading peer-reviewed journals, engaged clinical faculty as partners in research to address clinically relevant problems, and was a frequent manuscript and grant reviewer for several scientific journals and federal agencies. Professor Lopatin was responsible for the development of the first formal faculty mentoring program in the School of Dentistry. A gifted teacher, he was an early adopter of innovative technologies to improve faculty-student interactions. He also played an instrumental leadership role in the development of emergency preparedness plans at the School, University, and national levels.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Dennis E. Lopatin professor emeritus of dentistry and senior associate dean emeritus**.

Requested by:



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