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ACTION REQUEST

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

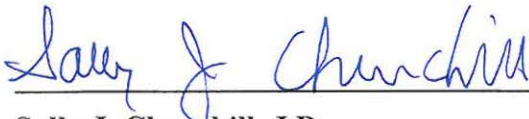
Kenneth R. Silk, M.D., professor of psychiatry in the Medical School, will retire from active faculty status on December 31, 2014.

Dr. Silk received his B.A. degree from Brandeis University in 1966 and M.D. degree from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in 1970. He completed an internship (1970-71) at the Montefiore Hospital and Medical Center and a residency (1971-75) at Yale University. Dr. Silk joined the University of Michigan faculty as an instructor in 1975, and was promoted to clinical instructor in 1976, clinical assistant professor in 1979, clinical associate professor in 1991, associate professor in 1992, and professor in 2000.

An exceptional psychiatrist, researcher, and leader, Dr. Silk held several key positions including director of the adult inpatient psychiatry unit in the Department of Psychiatry (1986-94), associate chair of Clinical and Administrative Affairs (1994-2005), and chair of the Faculty Group Practice Board (1996-2000). His clinical and research interests focused on personality disorders, psychodynamic psychotherapy, couples' therapy, general psychiatry, and psychiatric and hospital administration. He co-authored *The Doctor-Patient Relationship in Pharmacotherapy: Improving Treatment Effectiveness* (2000), published numerous peer-reviewed articles in the leading journals, and was a frequent invited speaker at national symposia. He received numerous honors and awards including the Department of Psychiatry's Teacher of the Year Award in 1980 and 1986, the National Alliance on Mental Illness' Exemplary Psychiatrist Award in 2009, and the Medical School Dean's Award for Lifetime Achievement in Clinical Care in 2013.

The Regents now salute this distinguished scholar for his dedicated service by naming **Kenneth R. Silk professor emeritus of psychiatry.**

Requested by:



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