

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

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

Kevin J. Compton, Ph.D., associate professor of electrical engineering and computer science in the College of Engineering, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2018.

Professor Compton received his B.A. (1974) degree from the University of Colorado-Boulder. He received his M.A. (1976), M.S. (1980), and Ph.D. (1980) degrees from the University of Wisconsin. Professor Compton was appointed as an assistant professor of mathematics at Wesleyan University in 1980. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1984, and was promoted to associate professor in 1990. He also held visiting professor positions at universities in Denmark and France.

Professor Compton's research interests were in the fields of the theory of computation, the complexity of combinatorial and logical problems, the analysis of algorithms, and the automata theory. Throughout his career, he made service contributions that enhanced the student experience and the operation of the department. Professor Compton served as the head coach and mentor for the University of Michigan Student Programming Teams since 2001. He coached eight teams that advanced to the very competitive ACM International Collegiate Programming Contest World Finals, including a team that placed second in the world in 2011. Professor Compton was a long-standing member of the Program Committee and the Curriculum Committee, where he played an instrumental role in the advancement and evolution of these core areas within the computer science and engineering division.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Kevin J. Compton, associate professor emeritus of electrical engineering and computer science.**

Requested by:



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