

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Jerald G. Bachman, Ph.D., Distinguished Research Scientist, Institute for Social Research and research professor, Survey Research Center, Institute for Social Research, retired from active faculty status on January 15, 2020.

Professor Bachman received his A.B. (1958) degree from Lebanon Valley College and his M.A. (1961) and Ph.D. (1962) degrees from the University of Pennsylvania. Professor Bachman devoted his professional life to research and held a primary research appointment in the Survey Research Center, Institute for Social Research since 1962. He was promoted to senior research scientist (now research professor) in 1997. He also held additional appointments as a lecturer in psychology (1963-73) and as an assistant professor of higher education (1964-65).

Professor Bachman's research interests include drug use and the attitudes about drugs; other values, attitudes, and behaviors of youth; military plans and experiences; and public opinion as related to a number of other social issues. In 1965, he initiated the Youth in Transition project, a nationwide longitudinal study examining growth and change in young men during their high school years. Since 1975, he has served, in collaboration with Dr. Lloyd Johnston, as a founding principal investigator of the Monitoring the Future (MTF) study, a nationally known longitudinal project that has become one of the nation's most relied upon sources of information on emerging trends in illicit drug, alcohol, and tobacco use among American adolescents, college students, and young and middle-aged adults. One of Professor Bachman's significant contributions within the MTF study was his early and continuing analyses of race-ethnic differences in substance use, which have helped dispel myths about substance use by minority youth. Professor Bachman has contributed to science by serving on numerous national boards and panels for many prominent journals, has consulted with many national organizations and has achieved the status as a national authority on drug use by youth. He was the recipient of the University of Michigan's Distinguished Research Scientist Award and the University Senior Research Scientist Lectureship Award in 1998 and 1987, respectively.

The Regents now salute this distinguished scholar by naming **Jerald G. Bachman, research professor emeritus, Survey Research Center, Institute for Social Research.**

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