

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Arun Agrawal, Ph.D., Samuel Trask Dana Professor, professor of environment and sustainability, School for Environment and Sustainability, faculty associate, Center for Political Studies, Institute for Social Research, professor of political science, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and professor of public policy, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2024.

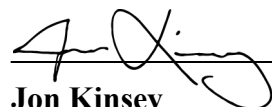
Arun Agrawal received a B.A. in 1983 from Delhi University in India, followed by a M.B.A. specializing in development administration and public policy from the Indian Institute of Management in Ahmedabad, India in 1985 and a M.A. in political science from Duke University in 1988. In 1992, he earned a Ph.D. in political science from Duke University. He joined the University of Florida as an assistant professor in 1993, moving to Yale University in 1997. He was promoted to associate professor in 2000 and, in 2002, moved to McGill University. Professor Agrawal joined the University of Michigan as an associate professor in the School of Natural Resources and Environment (SNRE, now SEAS) in 2003, and became professor in 2008. He served SNRE as the associate dean for research from 2009-11. He was appointed to the Samuel Trask Dana Professorship in 2016, continuing through to his retirement.

Professor Agrawal is a nationally and internationally renowned political scientist and a leading figure in the social sciences on the environment. His primary scholarly contributions have been in environmental governance, indigenous knowledge, and community led sustainable development. His research was critical to establishing environmental governance as a field within political science. Professor Agrawal is also an accomplished multidisciplinary, as evidenced by his contributions to sociology, anthropology, history, environmental studies, and Asian studies. A prolific scholar, Professor Agrawal is widely published in top journals, including *Nature*, *Science*, *PNAS*, the *American Political Science Review* and *Current Anthropology*. The variety of journals in which his work has appeared and agencies that have sponsored his work are evidence of the enormous breadth of his scholarship, his detailed fieldwork, and his creativity.

In 2011, he was named a Guggenheim Fellow. In 2018, he was elected to the U.S. National Academy of Sciences.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Arun Agrawal, professor emeritus of environment and sustainability**.

Requested by:



Jon Kinsey
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