

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Kyle L. Grazier, Dr.P.H., M.S., M.P.H., Richard Carl Jelinek Professor in Health Services Management and Policy, professor of health management and policy, School of Public Health, and professor of psychiatry, Medical School, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2025.

Professor Grazier received her Dr.P.H. degree (1981), and her M.P.H. degree (1978) from the University of California, Berkeley, and her M.S. degree from the University of Notre Dame (1976). She was a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation fellow in healthcare finance at Johns Hopkins University (1984-1985). She joined Yale University as an assistant professor in 1981 and was promoted to associate professor in 1986. She joined the University of California, Berkeley faculty in 1987 and was named the King Sweesy and Robert Womack Chair in Medical Research and Public Health from 1988-1992. In 1992, she joined Cornell University as an associate professor, with tenure, and was named the J. Thomas Clark Chair in Entrepreneurship and Personal Enterprise in 1996. She then joined the University of Michigan faculty as an associate professor of health management and policy, with tenure, in the School of Public Health in 1997. She was promoted to professor of health management and policy, with tenure, in 2003. In 2006, she was appointed as a professor of psychiatry, without tenure, in the Medical School. In 2012, she was named the Richard Carl Jelinek Professor of Health Services Management and Policy.

Professor Grazier's scholarship focuses on national and international health insurance and payment design for behavioral health systems. She was a Fulbright Research Scholar (2017-2018) in Croatia, where she developed innovative financing and delivery models for sustainable behavioral health. She was a committee member of the National Academy of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine, [Blueprint for a National Prevention Infrastructure for Behavioral Health Disorders \(2025\)](#) and contributed to the Institute of Medicine's committee on redesigning health insurance performance measures. She received distinguished service awards from the National Institute of Minority Health and Health Disparities, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and the American College of Healthcare Executives as the editor of the *Journal of Healthcare Management* for a decade. She has provided outstanding leadership to the school and department in roles such as director of the UM Behavioral Health Workforce Research Center, the Michigan Institute for Clinical and Health Research director of evaluation, and co-chair of the MHealthy Advisory Committee. She chaired the provost committees to redesign and sustain health insurance benefits. From 2011-2016, Professor Grazier chaired the Department of Health Management and Policy. She was a dedicated teacher and mentor throughout her career.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member for her dedicated service by naming **Kyle L. Grazier, Richard Carl Jelinek Professor Emerita of Health Management and Policy, professor emerita of health management and policy, and professor emerita of psychiatry.**

Requested by:



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