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Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

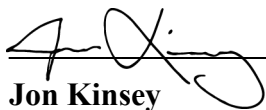
Linda M. Chatters, Ph.D., FAASWSW, FGSA, Paula Allen-Meares Collegiate Professor of Social Work, professor of social work, School of Social Work, and professor of health behavior and health equity, School of Public Health, retired from active faculty status on May 24, 2026.

Dr. Chatters earned her Ph.D. in developmental psychology from the University of Michigan (1983), with a focus on aging and adult development, and held postdoctoral positions at the Survey Research Center in the Institute for Social Research supported by the Rockefeller Foundation, the National Institute on Aging, and the Ford Foundation. She was an assistant professor in the Florence Heller Graduate School at Brandeis University (1985-1988), returning to Michigan as an assistant professor in health behavior & health education (now health behavior & health equity), School of Public Health and as a faculty associate with the Program for Research on Black Americans, Research Center for Group Dynamics. She was promoted to associate professor in 1994 and professor in 2005 and was the director of the Doctoral Research Education Program for the Center for Research on Ethnicity, Culture, and Health in the School of Public Health (2016-2017). She joined the School of Social Work as an associate professor (2003), and was the coordinator of the MPH-MSW Dual Degree Program. She was promoted to professor (2006) and named the Paula Allen-Meares Collegiate Professor in 2017.

Dr. Chatters is designated by Thomson-ISI® as a Highly Cited Researcher™ Category of General Social Sciences. Her scholarship includes over 200 journal articles, chapters, and books and is a co-author of *Religion in the Lives of African Americans: Social, Psychological and Health Perspectives*, co-editor of *Aging in Black America* and *Family Life in Black America* and editor of the 2021 *Annual Review of Gerontology and Geriatrics*, entitled: “Black Older Adults in the Era of Black Lives Matter.” A recipient of the Harold R. Johnson Diversity Service Award (2015), she is also a fellow of both the Gerontological Society of America and the American Academy of Social Work and Social Welfare. Dr. Chatters was awarded the 2025 Distinguished Career Achievement Award from the Society for Social Work Research and the 2025 James S. Jackson Outstanding Mentoring Award from the Gerontological Society of America.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Linda M. Chatters, Paula Allen-Meares Collegiate Professor Emerita of Social Work, professor emerita of social work, and professor emerita of health behavior and health equity.**

Requested by:



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