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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

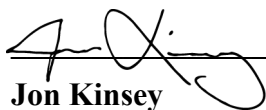
Amy J. Schulz, Ph.D., M.P.H., M.S.W., University Diversity and Social Transformation Professor and professor of health behavior and health equity, School of Public Health, retired from active faculty status on May 24, 2026.

Professor Schulz received her Ph.D. in sociology (1994) and M.P.H. (1981) from the University of Michigan. Following a Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Fellowship at Yale University (1995-1997), she joined the UM SPH as assistant research scientist in 1997. In 2008, she joined the tenure track faculty as an associate professor and was promoted to professor in 2011.

Professor Schulz is a highly productive scholar with a diverse portfolio of unique and significant nationally and internationally recognized work. The consistent theme throughout her conceptual and empirical research is the role of social, economic and environmental determinants of population health and health inequities. Her research examining joint impacts of social, built and physical environments to population health outcomes is widely recognized and respected in the field, highly regarded for its quality and influential in its scope. Her research has made critical contributions in both etiologic and intervention research, both understanding pathways linking fundamental causes to population health, and in designing and testing the effectiveness of interventions to reduce health inequities by disrupting pathways linking structural determinants of health to population health outcomes. She is also a leading scholar in the area of community based participatory research, including contributions to conceptual models for assessing equity in partnership work, and evaluation of equity within partnership work. Professor Schulz served as chair of the Doctoral Curriculum Committee and the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee, and as Rackham Faculty Ally for Diversity for the Department of Health Behavior and Health Equity, for multiple years, with critical contributions to departmental policies and practices. She taught graduate courses on environmental health, community change and survey research, and was a dedicated mentor, serving as dissertation committee chair committee member for over 40 doctoral candidates (now alumni), as well as multiple generations of MPH students. She has been recognized for these contributions with awards for her research, teaching and mentorship, from the SPH and the university.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Amy J. Schulz, professor emerita of health behavior and health equity**.

Requested by:



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