THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

James M. Lepkowski, Ph.D., research professor in the Survey Research Center, Institute for Social Research, adjunct professor of sociology in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and professor of biostatistics in the School of Public Health, will retire from active faculty status on April 30, 2016.

Professor Lepkowski received his B.A. (1970) degree from Illinois State University and his M.P.H. (1976) and Ph.D. (1980) degrees from the University of Michigan. He held a number of positions at the University of Michigan prior to his promotion to senior research scientist (now research professor) in the Institute for Social Research in 1998 and professor in the Department of Biostatistics in 2005.

Professor Lepkowski's research interests involve the development of survey data collection and analysis methods, including the design of telephone samples for households in the U.S.; the behavior of analytic statistics when data are obtained from complex sample surveys; imputation methods to compensate for item missing data in surveys; weighting to compensate for unit nonresponse; and the interaction between interviewer and respondent in the survey interview. He also served as a key member of the faculty at the Joint Program in Survey Methodology at the University of Maryland, a federally funded degree program created in the early 1990's to train present and future generations of survey methodologists in the federal statistical system. Professor Lepkowski held numerous leadership positions, including director of the Sampling Program for Survey Statisticians, director of the Survey Research Center Summer Institute in Survey Research Techniques, and director of the Program in Survey Methodology. He received the Warren J. Mitofsky Innovators Award from the American Association for Public Opinion Research in 2004.

The Regents now salute this distinguished teacher, scholar and administrator by naming James M. Lepkowski, research professor emeritus and professor emeritus of biostatistics.

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