

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir


Arnold J. Sameroff, Ph.D., professor of psychology in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and research professor in the Center for Human Growth and Development, will retire from active faculty status on May 31, 2011.

Professor Sameroff received his B.S. degree from the University of Michigan in 1961 and his Ph.D. degree from Yale University in 1965. He served on the faculty of the University of Rochester (1967-78), the University of Illinois at Chicago (1978-86), and Brown University (1986-92) before joining the University of Michigan faculty as professor in 1992.

Professor Sameroff is a pioneering theorist who has made profound and long-lasting contributions to our understanding of risk processes in human development and behavioral science. He proposed a new theoretical model for conceptualizing how biological and environmental risk factors operate together as causes of developmental impairments in childhood, unlike most prior research in this area, which had been based on reductionist and mechanistic models positing single risk factors as primary causes of developmental impairments. Professor Sameroff's theory has enjoyed mainstream popularity for over 30 years and continues to inspire new empirical and theoretical research. His 1975 review article introducing his theory was listed by the Society for Research in Child Development as one of the most influential contributions to developmental science in the twentieth century. During a career spanning more than 40 years, Professor Sameroff has written or co-written 13 books and over 150 articles and chapters. He is widely regarded as one of the founders of an important new field of behavioral science, developmental psychopathology. In recognition of his lasting contributions to developmental science, he has received numerous major awards, including the G. Stanley Hall Award for Distinguished Contribution to Developmental Psychology from the American Psychological Association (2001), and the Distinguished Scientist Award from the Society for Research in Child Development (2005).

The Regents now salute this distinguished teacher and researcher by naming **Arnold J. Sameroff professor emeritus of psychology and research professor emeritus**.

Requested by:



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