

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Daniel E. Atkins III, Ph.D., professor of information, School of Information, and professor of electrical engineering and computer science, College of Engineering, will retire from active faculty status on May 31, 2015.

Professor Atkins received his B.S. degree from Bucknell University in 1965, and his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1967 and 1970, respectively. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1972, and was promoted to associate professor in 1978, and professor in 1981. He was appointed the W.K. Kellogg Professor of Community Information from 2008-13.

An exceptional teacher, scholar, and leader, Professor Atkins held numerous key administrative positions including associate dean for research and graduate studies in the College of Engineering, interim dean of the College of Engineering, founding dean of the School of Information, and associate vice president for research cyberinfrastructure in the Office of the Vice President for Research. His extensive list of interdisciplinary accomplishments includes pioneering research on high-performance computer architecture, the development of high-speed computer arithmetic used in processor chips, and the genesis of the world's first virtual laboratory, or collaboratory, which pioneered many of the socio-technical systems that now support routine global collaborations in science and engineering research. He served as project director of the University's Digital Library Research Project and co-principal investigator for the pilot of the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation's JSTOR Project. At the National Science Foundation, Professor Atkins chaired the Blue-Ribbon Advisory Panel on Cyberinfrastructure (2002-03) and served as the inaugural director of the Office of Cyberinfrastructure (2006-08). He was elected to the National Academy of Engineering in recognition of his work on radix algorithms and cybertechnical collaboration systems in 2014.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Daniel E. Atkins III, professor emeritus of information and professor emeritus of electrical engineering and computer science.**

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