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Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

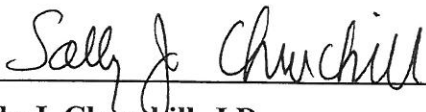
John E. Tropman, Ph.D., Henry J. Meyer Collegiate Professor of Social Work and professor of social work in the School of Social Work, will retire from active faculty status on May 31, 2017.

Professor Tropman received his B.A. (1961) degree from Oberlin College, his M.A. (1963) degree from the University of Chicago, and his Ph.D. (1967) degree from the University of Michigan. He joined the University of Michigan School of Social Work faculty as an instructor in 1965, and was promoted to lecturer in 1967, assistant professor in 1968, associate professor in 1970, and professor in 1976. He also held appointments in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts and the Stephen M. Ross School of Business.

Professor Tropman's research focused on the organizational elements that create high-performing human service organizations. His work explored a number of topics, including entrepreneurship, effective group decision making, C-level executives, the problem of executive burnout and flameout, and organizational rewards systems. Professor Tropman served as the co-principal investigator on research grants funded by the Children's Bureau, the National Institute on Aging, and the National Institute of Mental Health. He authored over 50 scholarly articles and 45 books. He was a Fulbright Lecturer in Social Change at the Kwansai Gakuin University in 1980 and a Fulbright Senior Specialist at the University of Melbourne in 2007. He has received many honors, including the Bernard Zell/Robert W. Lurie \$25,000 Prize for the Teaching of Entrepreneurship (1986), the School of Social Work's Distinguished Professor Award (2014), and the Association for Community Organization and Social Administration's Lifetime Achievement Award (2015). He was named a fellow of the American Academy of Social Work and Social Welfare in 2014.

The Regents now salute this distinguished scholar by naming **John E. Tropman, Henry J. Meyer Collegiate Professor Emeritus of Social Work and professor emeritus of social work.**

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