

# THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

## *Regents Communication*

### ACTION REQUEST

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

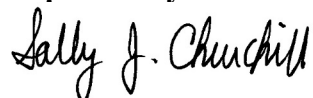
**Edward L. Stuenkel, Ph.D.**, professor of molecular and integrative physiology in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on April 30, 2020.

Professor Stuenkel received his B.S. (1976) degree from South Dakota State University, his M.S. (1978) degree from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and his Ph.D. (1983) degree from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. He completed postdoctoral training at the University of California, San Francisco and the University of Michigan. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1990, and was promoted to associate professor in 1996, and professor in 2002. From 2012-18, Professor Stuenkel served as the director of the interdepartmental Neuroscience Graduate Program. Professor Stuenkel, via a leave of absence in 2018 from University of Michigan, participated in founding the College of Health and Life Sciences at Hamad Bin Khalifa University in Qatar and served temporarily as the founding dean.

The Neuroscience Graduate Program flourished under Professor Stuenkel's leadership where he led the renewal of NIH T32 funding, as well as the establishment of an NIH R25 grant focused on expanding underrepresented minority participation. During his tenure at the University of Michigan, he served on the Biomedical Research Council of the Medical School, the Associate Chairs for Research Committee, the Barbour Fellows Committee, and the Taubman Institute Neuroscience White Paper Committee. Within the Department of Molecular & Integrative Physiology, he served on multiple committees, including the Graduate Committee and the Internal Review Committee, and served as the director of Global Graduate Education initiatives. While serving as a founding dean at the Hamad Bin Khalifa University, Professor Stuenkel served on the national Academic Health System Partnership Working Group Committee. He also served as chair of the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee at Qatar Foundation. In his 30 years at Michigan, Professor Stuenkel maintained an active research lab and was a recognized leader in molecular studies of secretion. He served on the editorial board of the *Biophysical Journal* and as a chair of the Exocytosis and Endocytosis Subgroup of the Biophysical Society. Professor Stuenkel published over 87 papers, mentored 29 undergraduate and graduate students, and 11 postdoctoral fellows. He was continually active as a teacher of neuroscience. He received the Outstanding Faculty Service Award from the U-M Neuroscience Graduate Program in 2011 and was elected a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in 2015.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Edward L. Stuenkel, professor emeritus of molecular and integrative physiology**.

**Requested by:**



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