

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Barry N. Checkoway, Ph.D., Arthur Dunham Collegiate Professor of Social Work and professor of social work in the School of Social Work and professor of urban and regional planning in the A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2021.

Professor Checkoway earned his B.A (1969) degree from Wesleyan University and his M.A. (1971) and Ph.D. (1977) degrees from the University of Pennsylvania. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an associate professor in 1983, and was promoted to professor in 1990.

Professor Checkoway was an internationally-recognized scholar and practitioner on youth empowerment, neighborhood development, and community change. His projects and publications drew on work with grassroots groups, community agencies, and government programs in the South Bronx, Detroit, the Mississippi Delta, central Appalachia; and in South America, Europe, Africa, and the Middle East, with support from the World Health Organization, the Ford Foundation, the Kellogg Foundation and other institutions. He worked with the White House in 1990 to launch AmeriCorps, then served as founding director of the Michigan Neighborhood AmeriCorps Program, the Edward Ginsberg Center for Community Service and Learning, Michigan Youth and Community Program, and Youth Dialogues on Race and Ethnicity.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Barry N. Checkoway, Arthur Dunham Collegiate Professor Emeritus of Social Work, professor emeritus of social work, and professor emeritus of urban and regional planning.**

Requested by:



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