

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
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**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

**John L. King, Ph.D.**, William Warner Bishop Collegiate Professor of Information and professor of information in the School of Information, retired from the active faculty on May 31, 2021.

Professor King received his B.A. (1972), his M.S. (1974), and his Ph.D. (1977) degrees from the University of California, Irvine. Professor King joined the University of Michigan faculty as a professor and dean of the School of Information in 2000. In 2006, he was appointed vice provost for academic information in the Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, and in 2009 as vice provost for strategy. Prior to Michigan, he was a professor of information and computer science and management at the University of California, Irvine, as well as a visiting professor at the Harvard Business School, the London School of Economics and Political Science, and Nanyang Technological University.

Professor King's research focused on the relationship between technical change and social change, in particular on information technologies and social institutions. He conducted research in government, education, healthcare, transport, finance, electric power utilities, and common carrier communications. Professor King published 12 books and more than 150 papers from his research. In recognition of his leadership in research and field development, he was named a fellow of the Association for Information Systems in 2005 and a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in 2007. Professor King's contributions were recognized internationally. In 2005, he was named a Fulbright Distinguished Chair in American Studies by the Deutsche Fulbright Kommission, the German arm of the international Fulbright Scholars program, and in 2009 he was awarded an honorary doctorate in economics by the Copenhagen Business School.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **John L. King, professor emeritus of information.**

**Requested by:**



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