THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Death
Action Requested: Adoption of Memorial Statement

The Regents of the University of Michigan acknowledge with profound sadness the death of John E. Schulenberg, Ph.D., research professor in the Institute for Social Research and professor of psychology in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts. Professor Schulenberg died on February 9, 2023.

Professor Schulenberg received his B.A. degree from the University of Cincinnati in 1979 and his Ph.D. degree from Pennsylvania State University in 1987. His first faculty position was as an assistant professor of Adolescent Development in the Department of Child Development and Family Studies at Purdue University. In 1991, Professor Schulenberg came to the University of Michigan as an assistant research scientist in the Survey Research Center at the Institute for Social Research and as an adjunct assistant professor of psychology. He was promoted to research professor and professor in 2001. Professor Schulenberg served as the associate director of the Survey Research Center (2003-2006 and 2010-2014).

Professor Schulenberg published widely on topics related to psychosocial development from adolescence through adulthood. His scholarly career brought a developmental perspective to theory and research on substance use and psychopathology, while also bringing a broad population perspective using large-scale survey data to developmental psychology. He was a fellow of the American Psychological Association and president of the Society for Research on Adolescence (2014-2016). He was a member of the Monitoring the Future (MTF) leadership team for 32 years. The project serves as a primary source of national data on historical, developmental, and cohort-related changes in substance use and its correlates. From 2017 to 2022, Professor Schulenberg served as the Principal Investigator for the MTF Panel Study, following nationally-representative samples of 12th grade students longitudinally from ages 18 to 60. He enjoyed collaborating and mentoring and viewed supporting early- and mid-career scholars as a key part of his contribution to the field. He will be remembered for his devotion to formally and informally mentoring dozens of scholars, enthusiasm for interdisciplinary collaboration, and passion for developmental science.

As we mourn the loss of our beloved colleague, we extend our heartfelt condolences to his wife, Cathleen Connell, and children Clayton and Franny. His warmth, generosity, and humor will be deeply missed.

Requested by:

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Vice President and Secretary of the University

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