THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement
Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Phillip J. Bowman, Ph.D., professor of education in the Marsal Family School of Education, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2024.

Professor Bowman received a B.S. from Northern Arizona University in 1970. He received an M.A. in counseling psychology (1971), an Ed.S. (1973), an M.A. in social psychology (1974), and a Ph.D. (1977) from the University of Michigan. From 1977-1984, he was a research investigator and director of the Postdoctoral Training Program in Survey Research Methods in the University of Michigan Institute of Social Research. In 1984, he was appointed an assistant professor of education policy, psychology, and Afro-American studies at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. In 1991, he was appointed as an associate professor at Northwestern University where he held several leadership roles including chair of the graduate program in counseling psychology and chair of the Department of African American Studies. In 2000, he was appointed as a professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago. He returned to the University of Michigan in 2006 as a professor in the Marsal Family School of Education where he also was director of the Diversity Research and Policy Program and a faculty associate at the Institute for Social Research. He was founding director of the National Center for Institutional Diversity (2006-2013) and a faculty associate in the National Poverty Center (2006-2013).

Professor Bowman is a theoretical and applied social psychologist whose scholarship focuses on higher education, racial and ethnic diversity, and related public policy issues including workforce inequalities, urban family poverty, health disparities, and social justice. His research has been supported by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Spencer Foundation, state agencies, and federal agencies including the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation. He has been a Rockefeller and Senior Ford Postdoctoral Fellow and has received many awards for his research, teaching, and mentoring. Notably, he received the W.E.B. Du Bois Distinguished Scholar Award from the American Educational Research Association (2016) and the Charles and Shirley Thomas Award for Distinguished Teaching and Mentoring from the American Psychological Association (2006).

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming Phillip J. Bowman, professor emeritus of education.

Requested by:

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