

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Stephen L. DesJardins, Ph.D., Marvin W. Peterson Collegiate Professor of Education and professor of education in the Marsal Family School of Education, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2024.

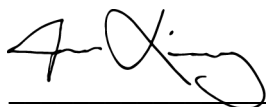
Professor DesJardins received a B.S. from Northern Michigan University in 1983 and an M.A. (1994) and a Ph.D. (1996) from the University of Minnesota. Prior to joining academia, he worked in market research in the private sector and was a policy analyst and institutional researcher for 13 years at the University of Minnesota. In 1998, he was appointed as an assistant professor in the University of Iowa School of Education, and he was promoted to associate professor in 2002. He joined the University of Michigan Marsal Family School of Education in 2002 as an associate professor, and he was promoted to professor in 2009. He served as the faculty lead in the Marsal Center for Education, Design, Evaluation, and Research from 2014-2024 and as director of the Dual Degree Program in Higher Education and Public Policy from 2002-2024. He was an affiliate professor in the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy from 2012-2022.

Professor DesJardins is a leading scholar of public policy in higher education. He has made original and significant contributions to integrating the study of student transitions from secondary to and through postsecondary education and improving the sophistication of statistical models and theories of understanding the effects of postsecondary transitions on students. His work is widely cited and has earned him numerous awards and honors, including an American Education Research Association (AERA) Fellowship, a 2021 Fulbright Specialist award, and selection as a 2022 Fulbright Scholar. He was also honored with a University of Michigan Faculty Recognition Award in 2012.

Professor DesJardins is an award-winning teacher and a dedicated mentor. He has held many prominent national roles including service on the editorial board of *Economics of Education Review*, as contributing editor to *Research in Higher Education*, and as special assistant in the United States Department of Education Office of Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development from 2013-2014.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Stephen L. DesJardins, professor emeritus of education**.

Requested by:



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