

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

David Chatkoff, Ph.D., professor of psychology in the College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, University of Michigan-Dearborn, retired from active faculty status on April 30, 2025.

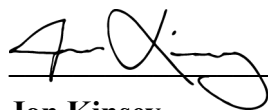
Professor Chatkoff received his Ph.D. in counseling psychology from The University of Southern Mississippi in 2003. He completed a postdoctoral fellowship in clinical health psychology service at the Veterans Affairs Connecticut Healthcare System. He began his academic career at UM-Dearborn in 2004. He was promoted to associate professor with tenure in 2010 and to professor in 2024.

Professor Chatkoff is a leader in the field of health psychology who consistently has engaged his expertise to benefit the psychology discipline, the college, and the university, and particularly the clinical health psychology and health psychology graduate programs. Professor Chatkoff served as director of the master's programs in health psychology and clinical health psychology from 2012-2015, and since 2004 has served as a member of the psychology master's program committee. During Professor Chatkoff's time as director, the program added numerous courses, many of which Professor Chatkoff himself developed. He assisted in developing the programs' robust assessment structure, which focuses on enhancing student experience.

Professor Chatkoff's research has contributed significantly to the understanding of the behavioral constructs of pain. He has co-authored many notable articles, including Hoffman, et al., "Meta-analysis of psychological interventions for chronic low back pain" (2007) and Kerns, et al., "Can we improve cognitive-behavioral therapy for chronic back pain treatment engagement and adherence? A controlled trial of tailored versus standard therapy" (2014), both of which were published in *aHealth Psychology*, the premier outlet in Professor Chatkoff's field. His body of work has provided new and important insights into therapeutic interventions for individuals suffering from chronic pain, engaging large sample sizes of patients to investigate experiences with chronic pain.

The Regents now salute this distinguished teacher and scholar by naming **David Chatkoff, professor emeritus of psychology**.

Requested by:



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