

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

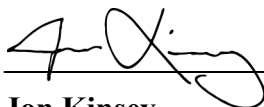
James W. McNally, Ph.D., research scientist, Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), Institute for Social Research, retired from active faculty status on April 1, 2025.

Professor McNally earned his B.A. (1983) in forensic anthropology from the University of Maryland, his M.A. (1989) in formal demography and population health from Georgetown University, and his Ph.D. (1994) in demography and sociology from Brown University. He joined ICPSR at the University of Michigan as an archivist/senior research associate in 1998, was promoted to research investigator/archivist in 2006, assistant research scientist in 2009, associate research scientist in 2011, and research scientist in 2018. He served as the NACDA Program on Aging Director at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, for 26 years.

Professor McNally's work on data imputation has been cited in deliberations before the U.S. Supreme Court. During his career, he has worked extensively with studies on the aging life course, health, retirement, and international aspects of aging. He has spent much of his career addressing the methodological issues associated with the measurement of health outcomes, specifically focusing on applications for using secondary data in research applications. He has helped design and implement health surveys at the national, community level, and international settings. His curation work has led to the long-term preservation and maintenance of contemporary and historical studies, many of which would have otherwise been damaged, lost, or destroyed. His mission is to train future generations of students, researchers, archivists, and public advocates in the use of research data. Professor McNally has worked on research projects both in the U.S. and internationally and is routinely invited to present on health outcomes and the application of data to better understand life course events. He advised NIA on policies to facilitate data sharing for federally funded research as part of an Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA) agreement between NIH and the University of Michigan from 2022 to 2024.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **James W. McNally, research scientist emeritus, Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research.**

Requested by:



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