

The University of Michigan Regents Communication

Request for Action

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Michael Boehnke, Ph.D., Richard G. Cornell Distinguished University Professor of Biostatistics and professor of biostatistics in the School of Public Health, retired from active faculty status on May 24, 2026.

Professor Boehnke received his B.A. (1977) with distinction from the University of Oregon, and his Ph.D. (1983) from the University of California, Los Angeles. He joined the University of Michigan Department of Biostatistics as assistant professor in 1984, and was promoted to associate professor in 1989 and professor in 1993. He has served as the founding director of the University of Michigan Genome Science Training Program since 1995 and of the University of Michigan Center for Statistical Genetics since 1999.

Throughout his >42 year tenure in the Department of Biostatistics, Professor Boehnke has carried out pioneering research. He has developed statistical methods and computational tools used worldwide to map the genes for human diseases and traits, applied these methods and tools to advance our understanding of human health and disease, and made important discoveries in the genetics of type 2 diabetes and related traits.

Professor Boehnke has fostered collaborative research and trained generations of biostatisticians and geneticists. His work has been recognized with numerous honors, including election as member of the National Academy of Medicine in 2006, and fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in 2010 and of the American Statistical Association in 2002. He was named the Richard G. Cornell Distinguished University Professor of Biostatistics in 2008.

In addition to his exceptional research achievements, Professor Boehnke has been a devoted educator and mentor, guiding students, postdoctoral fellows, and junior faculty with wisdom, patience, and integrity. He has profoundly shaped the department, fostering an environment of generosity, rigor, and collaboration. His substantial departmental service includes chairing the Admissions Committee for 35 years and playing a key role in shaping department recruitment and training.

His dedication to advancing statistical genetics, alongside his commitment to mentorship and departmental leadership, has left an indelible mark on the University of Michigan and the wider

field of biostatistics and statistical genetics. Professor Boehnke's legacy will continue to inspire and contribute to the ongoing excellence of the department and the university.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Michael Boehnke, Richard G. Cornell Distinguished University Professor Emeritus of Biostatistics and professor emeritus of biostatistics.**

Requested by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jon Kinsey', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jon Kinsey

Vice President and Secretary of the University

May 2026