

The University of Michigan Regents Communication

Request for Action

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Betsy Foxman, Ph.D., Hunein F. and Hilda Maassab Endowed Professor of Epidemiology, professor of epidemiology, and director of the Center for Molecular and Clinical Epidemiology of Infectious Diseases, School of Public Health, retired from active faculty status on May 24, 2026.

Professor Foxman received her Ph.D. from the University of California, Los Angeles in 1983. She joined the University of Michigan faculty as a visiting professor in 1984. She was appointed an assistant professor in 1987, promoted to associate professor in 1995, and professor in 1999. Professor Foxman was named the Hunein F. and Hilda Maassab Endowed Professor of Epidemiology in 2010. She founded the Center for Molecular and Clinical Epidemiology of Infectious Disease in 1999, directing the center until her retirement in 2026. She was founding director of the Certificate Program in Healthcare Infection Prevention and Control that included an internship program, serving as director from 2010 to 2025. She also founded and directed a dual-mentorship interdisciplinary training programs in infectious disease epidemiology that trained 46 doctoral students from 5 schools and colleges to integrate population and laboratory methods and mathematical simulation models in their cross-disciplinary dissertations.

Dr. Foxman made pioneering contributions to our understanding of the epidemiology of urinary tract infections, maternal-child health, hospital-acquired infections, antibiotic resistance, and oral health. Her world-leading interdisciplinary studies address important public health problems by integrating molecular and epidemiologic methods. Her textbook, *Molecular Tools and Infectious Disease Epidemiology* (1st edition 2012; 2nd edition 2026) and a special issue of *Annals of Epidemiology* (2016) she edited on the human microbiome, are foundational resources in the field. Dr. Foxman served as chair of the Epidemiology Section of the American Public Health Association (2000-2001), president of the American College of Epidemiology (2005), program chair of the 2006 North American Congress of Epidemiology (a joint meeting of 14 different epidemiology societies), and president of the American Epidemiological Association (2023), an honorary society of senior epidemiologists. She is a fellow of the Infectious Disease Society of America, the American Academy of Microbiology and the American College of Epidemiology

The Regents now salute this distinguished teacher and scholar by naming **Betsy Foxman, Hunein F. and Hilda Maassab Endowed Professor Emerita of Epidemiology and professor emerita of epidemiology.**

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