

# The University of Michigan Regents Communication

## Request for Action

### Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

#### Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

**Allon Goldberg, Ph.D.**, professor of physical therapy in the College of Health Sciences, University of Michigan-Flint, retired from active faculty status on June 30, 2026.

Professor Goldberg received his B.Sc. (1988) and B.Sc. (Medicine) Honors (1992) degrees from University of Cape Town, South Africa. He received his Ph.D. (2003) degree from Wayne State University. From 2003-2005 he completed a National Institute on Aging-sponsored postdoctoral research fellowship in gerontology at the Institute of Gerontology, University of Michigan. He joined Wayne State University as assistant professor of physical therapy in 2005 and established the Mobility Research Laboratory. He served as director of research for the Physical Therapy Program at Wayne State University (2012-2013) and was promoted to associate professor with tenure in 2012. In 2014, he joined the University of Michigan-Flint as associate professor of physical therapy and accepted the position as the director of the Physical Therapy Department. In 2016, he was promoted to professor of physical therapy with tenure. Professor Goldberg served as the director of the Physical Therapy Department from 2014-2018. In July 2018, he assumed the role of associate dean for research and professional development in the College of Health Sciences.

Professor Goldberg's research focused on relationships among laboratory, clinical and self-reported physical performance-based outcome measures as predictors of balance impairment and mobility dysfunction. These studies have mainly been conducted in community-dwelling older adults, with additional studies in people with neurological disease. In recent years he has extended these studies to examine the association of genetic factors with physical performance measures in older adults. He has published 50 peer-reviewed manuscripts, and his research has been cited more than 2,200 times in biomedical scientific literature. He has served as a research mentor to numerous students and junior faculty members.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Allon Goldberg, professor emeritus of physical therapy**.

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

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