

The University of Michigan Regents Communication

Request for Action

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Susan Dorr Goold, M.D., MHSA, M.A., professor of internal medicine in the Medical School, and professor of health management and policy in the School of Public Health, retired from active faculty status on June 30, 2026.

Professor Goold earned her B.A. from the University of Colorado (1983) and her M.D. from the University of Michigan Medical School (1987). She completed her residency in internal medicine at the University of Pittsburgh Health Center (1990). She then completed a Health Services Research Fellowship at the University of Michigan Medical School (1992) and completed her MHSA at the University of Michigan School of Public Health (1992), and then her M.A. at Michigan State University (1994). She joined the internal medicine faculty at the University of Michigan Medical School as a lecturer (1992), and was promoted to assistant professor (1994), associate professor (2001), and professor (2009). She was jointly appointed in the School of Public Health, Department of Health Management and Policy (2010).


Professor Goold practiced as a primary care physician, teaching and mentoring medical students and residents (1992-2026). Her research encompassed a spectrum of normative and empirical work on bioethics, just resource allocation, trust, and community engagement in health policy. She co-invented CHAT, an award-winning simulation exercise that engages community members in informed deliberations about health priorities. CHAT has been used throughout the U.S. and internationally for research, policy and education. She co-created, with a community partner, a network of community partners (DECIDERS, for Deliberately Engaging Communities In Decisions about Resource Spending) from minority and underserved communities in Michigan that has been sustained for over a decade. DECIDERS has been engaged in many projects, including evaluating Michigan's Medicaid expansion, health policy related to big data and artificial intelligence, Medicaid sterilization policy, and policies about disadvantage indexes.

Professor Goold served as the associate director, Ethics and Health Policy, of the Program in Society and Medicine (1994-2009), on the Presidential Task Force on Ethics and Public Life (2003-2004), and director of the Medical School Bioethics Program (2000-2010). She continued as core faculty in the Center for Bioethics and Social Sciences in Medicine (2010-2025) and the Center for History, Humanities, Arts, Social Sciences and Ethics in Medicine (2025-present). She directed the Medical School Health Policy and Health Economics Path of Excellence (2016-2025)

and has led a campus-wide research interest group on community-engaged research in health policy since 2020.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Susan Dorr Goold, professor emerita of internal medicine and professor emerita of health management and policy.**

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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