

# The University of Michigan Regents Communication

## Request for Action

### Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

#### Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

**Jong-Jin Kim, Ph.D.**, associate professor of architecture in the A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning, retired from active faculty status on May 24, 2026.

Professor Kim earned his B.S. in architectural engineering from Seoul National University in 1975, an M.Arch. from the University of Texas, Austin in 1981, and a Ph.D. in architecture from the University of California, Berkeley in 1988. He began his academic career as an assistant professor at Arizona State University in 1988. He joined the College of Architecture and Urban Planning at the University of Michigan as an assistant professor of architecture in 1991 and was promoted to associate professor of architecture in 1997.

Professor Kim teaches sustainable building technology, advancing a research agenda centered on how environmental stewardship and technological innovation are shaping the future of architecture. His work spans sustainable design, daylighting and advanced lighting systems, solar energy generation, and zero-energy buildings. At the University of Michigan, he is affiliated with the Institute for Energy Solutions, the Center for Sustainable Systems, and the Nam Center for Korean Studies, reflecting the interdisciplinary breadth of his scholarship. His leadership at the nexus of architecture and environmental sustainability has earned international recognition through publications, invited lectures, and exhibitions. Engaged in the Third Century Initiatives at the University of Michigan, he developed the Interactive Satellite Solar Lab (ISSL), a real-time, field-classroom research platform that enriches both his teaching and investigations into energy self-sufficient buildings. In 2025, he participated in the Land Art Generator Initiative - Fiji, an international competition challenging designers to create renewable energy and water infrastructure for Marou Village in the Yasawa Group—integrating art, sustainability, and climate resilience. Dr. Kim was previously awarded the American Institute of Architects Michigan President's Award, honoring architects whose exemplary contributions to practice, education, and community service have significantly advanced the built environment.

The Regents now salute this distinguished professor by naming **Jong-Jin Kim, associate professor emeritus of architecture**.

Requested by:

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**Jon Kinsey**

Vice President and Secretary of the University

May 2026