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**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

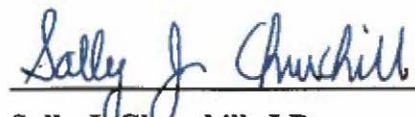
**Brant E. Fries, Ph.D.**, professor of health management and policy in the School of Public Health and research professor in the Institute of Gerontology in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on June 30, 2018.

Professor Fries earned his B.A. degree from Columbia College (1967) and his M.S. (1971) and Ph.D. (1972) degrees from Cornell University. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an associate professor in 1985, and was promoted to professor in 1993. He also served as an associate research scientist, research scientist, senior research scientist, and research professor in the Institute of Gerontology.

Professor Fries earned an international reputation as a leading researcher on long-term care and quantitative modeling of health care systems. He authored 38 books and 152 peer-reviewed articles on these topics. Professor Fries is a principal developer of the Resource Utilization Groups system for classifying nursing home residents that is used nationwide to pay nursing homes under the federal Medicare system. He also co-developed the National Nursing Home Resident Assessment Instrument used in every U.S. nursing home. Professor Fries founded and is president of interRAI, a 37-nation consortium of 107 researchers dedicated to developing person-level care assessments and cross-national comparisons, and has co-authored assessment systems for aging persons, persons with intellectual impairments, and individuals in inpatient mental hospitals and correctional facilities. His research group worked with U.S. states and international governments to develop better decision making from the clinical level to the policy level. This work has been innovative and enlightening, enhancing the health of the public and shaping policies worldwide. Professor Fries has been profiled in *Modern Healthcare* (2004) and was named as one of the "100 Most Influential People in Long-Term Care" by *McKnight's Long-Term Care News* (1997). He received a Doctor of Laws Honoris Causa from the University of Waterloo (2016) and the Impact Accelerator Award from the University of Michigan's Institute for Healthcare Policy and Innovation (2016).

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Brant E. Fries, professor emeritus of health management and policy and research professor emeritus.**

**Requested by:**



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