

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

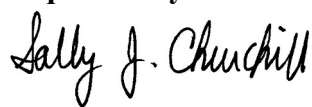
Brian P. Rowan, Ph.D., professor in education in the School of Education, professor of sociology in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and research professor in the Survey Research Center at the Institute for Social Research, retired from active faculty status on June 30, 2020.

Professor Rowan received his B.A. degree from Rutgers University in 1972 and his Ph.D. degree from Stanford University in 1978. He served as an associate research scientist, senior research scientist, and senior research director at Far West Laboratory for Educational Research and Development, in San Francisco, California from 1981-86. He served as an associate professor (1986-91) and chair of the Department of Educational Administration in the College of Education (1989-91) at Michigan State University. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an associate professor in 1991, and was promoted to professor in 1994. He was named the Burke A. Hinsdale Collegiate Professor in Education in 2004. He has held additional appointments in the Survey Research Center at the Institute for Social Research since 2006 and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts since 2007.

Over the course of a distinguished scholarly career, Professor Rowan made pioneering contributions to organization theory and to education research on school and teaching effectiveness. At the University of Michigan, he focused mainly on the study of education practice, directed many large-scale studies of school improvement interventions, conducted important descriptive studies of teaching practice, and studied teacher evaluation practices in schools. This work made important theoretical and empirical contributions to research on school and teaching effectiveness and pioneered new scientific methods for measuring teachers' pedagogical and content knowledge for teaching and classroom instructional practice. Professor Rowan consulted broadly over the course of his career with government and private research organizations, philanthropic organizations, professional organizations, and scholarly societies, both in the United States and around the world. He was a member of the U.S. National Academy of Education and past recipient of the William J. Davis Award (1994) for outstanding scholarship in the field of educational administration from the University Council on Educational Administration.

The Regents now salute this distinguished teacher, scholar, and researcher by naming **Brian P. Rowan, professor emeritus of education, professor emeritus of sociology, and research professor emeritus.**

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