

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

*Regents Communication*

**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

**Michael E. Razzoog, D.D.S., M.S., M.P.H.**, professor of dentistry in the School of Dentistry, retired from active faculty status on June 30, 2022.

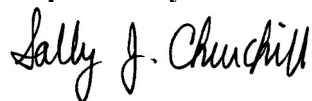
Dr. Razzoog received his Doctor of Dental Science degree from the University of Michigan in 1973. He received his Master of Science (Prosthodontics) degree in 1976 and his Master of Public Health degree in 1977. Dr. Razzoog joined the University of Michigan faculty as a clinical instructor in 1973, and was promoted to lecturer in 1976, assistant professor in 1978, associate professor in 1980, and professor in 1999. Dr. Razzoog was the director of the graduate prosthodontic program at the School of Dentistry from 2007 until his furlough year in 2021.

During Dr. Razzoog's five decades of commitment to dental education at the University of Michigan he enhanced the reputation of the School of Dentistry at the local, state, national and international levels. He organized and provided several international workshops including World Workshop on Biocompatibility of Dental Alloys, World Workshop on Quality Assurance and Cost Containment and World Workshop on Oral Medicine. His most important work was "Black Dentistry in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" which occurred in 1991, and resulted in a book by the same name co-authored with his colleague and co-organizer Dr. Emerson Robinson which provided framework for institutions of dental education going forward. Dr. Razzoog was recognized for this work by receiving the Faculty Recognition Award from the National Dental Society and being named an honorary member in 1992.

At the University of Michigan, Dr. Razzoog was named to the Task Force at the Institute of Gerontology at its inception and he served on the University of Michigan Faculty Senate Assembly. For the last 40 years Dr. Razzoog has been a consultant for the largest testing agency in the United States. When he first began with the group it covered 12 states and provided proof of competency for dentists applying of licensure. During his career he has taught at every level in the School of Dentistry. He has been responsible for the graduate prosthodontic education of students who have gone on to be private clinicians, educators, program directors, chairs of departments, deans and provosts of universities.

The Regents now salute this distinguished scholar and teacher by naming **Michael E. Razzoog, professor emeritus of dentistry.**

**Requested by:**



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**Sally J. Churchill, J.D.**  
**Vice President and Secretary of the University**

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