

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Lisa J. Molnar, Ph.D., research associate professor in the College of Engineering, retired from active faculty status on June 30, 2024.

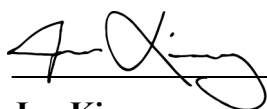
Dr. Molnar received her Ph.D. degree from Monash University in Melbourne, Australia in 2013. She began her career at the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute (UMTRI) in 1986 as part of the UMTRI research staff and joined the faculty as an associate research scientist in 2014. She was promoted to research associate professor in 2020.

Dr. Molnar's research has focused on the safe transportation and mobility of road users in the United States and around the globe. Over the course of her career at UMTRI, her research has spanned a range of topics related to safe transportation and mobility including: the use and acceptance of advanced technology and vehicle automation; the development and evaluation of traffic safety programs and policies; older adult safety and mobility; adolescent and young driver behavior and safety; prevention of alcohol-impaired driving; pedestrian and bicyclist risk and exposure; and occupant protection.

Dr. Molnar's research contributions have been recognized by UMTRI, as well as nationally and internationally. In 2007, she was awarded a visiting academic award from Monash University that provided support to travel to Australia to give a series of lectures on older driver issues. In 2012, she received a Special Recognition Award from the Transportation and Aging Interest Group for her "dedicated commitment to research, scholarship, and service to the field of older driver safety and mobility." She was elected as a fellow of the Gerontological Society of America in 2016 and served as the secretary of the Transportation Research Board's Committee on the Safe Mobility of Older Persons from 2013 to 2020. In 2020, she received the Research Faculty Achievement Award from the University of Michigan Office of Research, recognizing her research impact on older adult mobility. She has authored more than 250 scholarly publications, including two books on older adults - *Maintaining Safe Mobility in an Aging Society* (2009) and *Perspectives and Strategies for Promoting Safe Transportation among Older Adults* (2019). The latter book received the Richard Kalish Innovative Publication Book Award from the Gerontological Society of America in 2020.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Lisa J. Molnar, research associate professor emerita**.

Requested by:



Jon Kinsey
Vice President and Secretary of the University

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