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Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

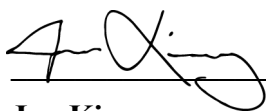
Beverly M. Yashar, M.S., Ph.D., CGC, clinical professor of human genetics in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on June 19, 2024.

Dr. Yashar received her B.S. degree in biology and comparative literature from Brown University in 1979. She then went on to complete a Ph.D. degree in genetics at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and subsequently came to the University of Michigan to complete an M.S. degree in genetic counseling. She then joined the faculty in the Department of Human Genetics and, while rising through the clinical-track faculty ranks, served as the director of the University of Michigan Genetic Counseling Program (UMGCP) for 20 years. During this time, Dr. Yashar provided training, mentorship, and support to over 120 graduate students who have transitioned to productive careers and leadership roles within the profession of genetic counseling. Dr. Yashar's legacy as program director lives on as these UMGCP alumni make unique and important contributions in clinical care, research, policy, industry, and education.

During her career, Dr. Yashar spearheaded multiple important initiatives including the expansion of the UMGCP curriculum to a two-year program and the growth of class cohort sizes. Dr. Yashar has been a staunch advocate for maintaining a nationally recognized, top-notch, cutting-edge training program that maintains an individualized and supportive graduate experience. In 2010, she partnered with the School of Public Health to establish the dual degree M.S./M.P.H. Graduate Training Program. This program has graduated students that are uniquely qualified to integrate clinical and public health approaches to the application of genomic medicine. In addition, Dr. Yashar's passion for—and expertise in—research were instrumental in the establishment of the highly successful research arm of the UMGCP, which has fostered the development of skills in research methodology and in developing fruitful collaborations. Dr. Yashar's efforts have resulted in extensive contributions to scholarship in the field of genetic counseling including publications, national and international presentations, and numerous awards from the National Society of Genetic Counselors and the *Journal of Genetic Counseling*.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Beverly M. Yashar, clinical professor emerita of human genetics**.

Requested by:



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