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Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

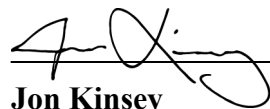
Cheryl A. King, Ph.D., professor of psychiatry in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on June 30, 2025.

Professor King received her B.A. degree from the University of Michigan in 1976 and her Ph.D. degree from Indiana University in 1983. She worked with the Department of Mental Health, State of Wisconsin, from 1984 to 1985; completed a postdoctoral fellowship in 1988; and served as a visiting assistant professor at the University of Michigan-Dearborn from 1987 to 1989. Professor King joined the Department of Psychiatry, Michigan Medicine, as an instructor in 1989. She was promoted to assistant professor in 1991 and to associate professor in 1997. She also joined the Department of Psychology, College of Literature Science and Arts in 1994 and was promoted to associate professor in 1999. She was promoted to professor in both departments in 2009, and she served as director of the Mary A. Rackham Institute from 2009 to 2017.

A distinguished clinical scientist and educator, Professor King contributed substantially to our understanding of youth suicide risk and effective screening, risk assessment, and intervention strategies for youth at risk. She co-authored over 200 scholarly articles and books. Her many contributions include development of the Youth-Nominated Support Team intervention, which has been associated with reduced mortality in early adulthood. As director of the Youth and Young Adult Depression and Suicide Prevention program, Professor King was highly regarded as a leader who emphasized rigorous, collaborative clinical science; care for families; and community voices. As an esteemed educator, she provided research and clinical training to many psychology doctoral students, postdoctoral fellows, and child psychiatry residents. In psychiatry, Professor King served as director of Psychology Training (1995-2002), leading the first nationally accredited postdoctoral program in clinical child psychology; chief psychologist (2001-2009); and chair, Faculty Appointments and Promotions Committee (2015-2024). She served as president of three prestigious national organizations (Society of Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology, American Association of Suicidology, Association of Psychologists in Academic Health Centers); testified in the U.S. Senate on youth suicide prevention; and served on the National Advisory Mental Health Council. Professor King was named to the League of Research Excellence at Michigan Medicine (2014) and twice received the Teacher of the Year Award in child psychiatry. She received the Research Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Field of Suicide Prevention from the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Cheryl A. King, professor emerita of psychiatry**.

Requested by:



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