

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**


**William J. McCune, M.D.**, Michael H. and Marcia S. Klein Professor of Rheumatic Diseases and professor of internal medicine in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on July 2, 2025.

Dr. McCune earned his M.D. from the University of Cincinnati in 1975. He completed his internal medicine internship (1976) and internal medicine residency (1978) at the University of Michigan Health System. Dr. McCune then pursued dual roles as a clinical fellow and research fellow in internal medicine rheumatology at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School, respectively, from 1978 to 1981. Dr. McCune began his distinguished career in internal medicine at the University of Michigan, where he was appointed as an assistant professor (1981-1989) in the internal medicine department. He then advanced to associate professor (1989-1999) before becoming a professor of internal medicine with a specialization in rheumatology (1999-present). Dr. McCune has held the Michael H. and Marcia S. Klein Professorship in Rheumatic Diseases since 2009, demonstrating his expertise and leadership at the University of Michigan. Dr. McCune has also contributed his expertise as a visiting professor at numerous esteemed institutions globally. In 1984, he served briefly at the University of Massachusetts and continued this trajectory with presentations at various medical centers and universities, such as the Medical College of Virginia, University of Connecticut, Wilford Hall Medical Center, and Massachusetts General Hospital throughout the 1980s and beyond. His presentations have covered critical topics like severe systemic lupus, MRI usage in rheumatic disease, and immunosuppressive therapy in lupus. In 1996, he was honored as the Simon Dworkin Memorial Visiting Professor at the Montreal Jewish General Hospital, Canada. His visiting professorships have spanned across the U.S. and internationally, including engagements in Thailand, South Africa, Mexico, and Ethiopia, where he presented on complex rheumatic conditions like lupus nephritis and systemic lupus erythematosus.

Dr. McCune focuses his research on the epidemiology, diagnosis, and management of systemic lupus, immunosuppression techniques, and imaging in rheumatic diseases. He is particularly dedicated to understanding nephritis in lupus, systemic vasculitis, and accelerated cardiovascular disease linked with autoimmune disorders. Dr. McCune has been consistently recognized since 1996 in The Best Doctors in America, and holds longstanding memberships in prestigious societies, including the American College of Rheumatology, and serves on numerous institutional and national committees.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **William J. McCune, professor emeritus of internal medicine**.

**Requested by:**



**Jon Kinsey**  
Vice President and Secretary of the University

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