

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Brent C. Williams, M.D., M.P.H., FACP, professor of internal medicine in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on June 30, 2025.

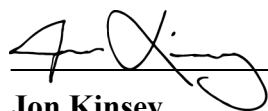
Professor Williams earned his B.S. in philosophy and science from Grinnell College (1979) and his M.D. from the University of Illinois, Chicago (1983). He completed his residency in internal medicine at the University of Virginia Medical Center (1986). He completed an M.P.H. in health services management and policy at the Harvard (now T.H. Chan) School of Public Health (1987), and a fellowship in health services research at the University of Virginia Medical Center (1989). He joined the internal medicine faculty at the University of Michigan as an instructor (1989) and was promoted to assistant professor (1992), associate professor (1997), and professor (2016). He served as associate residency program director (1995-2000), and was appointed medical director, Complex Care Management Program (2007), and director, Global Health and Disparities Path of Excellence at the Medical School (2011-2023).

As a general internist, he received numerous teaching and community service awards, including the national Society of General Internal Medicine Clinician Educator (1997), University of Michigan Medical School Community Service Award (2004), and Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award (2009); the Greater Detroit Area Health Council Sy Gottlieb Award for sustained visionary leadership (2014), the Michigan State Medical Society Community Service Award (2017), and the University of Michigan Department of Internal Medicine Lifetime Achievement Award (2022).

Professor Williams authored over 75 publications in medical education, faculty development, and complex care management; and taught numerous courses in evidence-based medicine, geriatrics, and care of the underserved in the medical school and internal medicine residency. He developed assessment instruments in clinical teaching and geriatrics knowledge that achieved national dissemination, co-edited *Hospitalists' Guide to Care of Older Patients* (2013), and led the development of a modified history and physical template (the *H&P 360*), which has been adopted at several U.S. medical schools. He designed and directed a program to enhance teaching and clinical care of older patients across 12 departments or fellowships at the University of Michigan. As the founding director of the Global Health and Disparities Path (2011-2023), he nurtured community-focused scholarship and system-building skills in 40-50 students per class and advised students and groups involved in community-based care for vulnerable populations. Through the Complex Care Management Program, he established community care networks and education to support patients with complex needs.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Brent C. Williams, professor emeritus of internal medicine**.

Requested by:



Jon Kinsey
Vice President and Secretary of the University

June 2025