

# The University of Michigan Regents Communication

## Request for Action

### Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

#### Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

**Gregory W. Dalack, M.D.**, professor of psychiatry in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on June 30, 2026.

Dr. Dalack received his B.S. from Yale University (1981) and M.D. from Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons (1985). He completed his internship in internal medicine (1986) and his psychiatry residency (1989), and an affective disorders fellowship (1992) at the Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center and Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center/New York State Psychiatric Institute. He joined the Department of Psychiatry as an assistant professor in 1992, and was promoted to associate professor in 2000, and professor in 2018. He was the inaugural incumbent of the Daniel E. Offutt, III Professor (chairship) of Psychiatry.

Dr. Dalack built a clinical, scholarship and leadership presence at the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System, and the Department of Psychiatry. At the VA, he served as chief, mental health clinic and later chief, psychiatry service. In the U-M Department of Psychiatry, he held key leadership roles, most recently, chair (2010–2024). He championed education, professionalism, quality, and strategic growth, while helping psychiatry navigate a rapidly changing healthcare landscape. During his chairship, the Department of Psychiatry achieved top 10 ranking in NIH funding for the first time, the construction of a new child & adolescent inpatient unit, adult partial hospital program and plans for an adolescent partial hospital program. His scholarly work focused on pertinent clinical questions and the implementation of evidence-based care models that expand primary care access to quality mental health care. He sought to strengthen behavioral health access through initiatives in behavioral health crisis services mapping to inform service gaps and system design. He served as president of the American Association of Chairs of Departments of Psychiatry (AACDP, 2015–2016) and was recognized with the AACDP Leadership Award (2019). The American Psychiatric Association, recognized him for excellence in teaching medical students and residents. He helped shape quality strategy, registry development, and organizational stewardship as APA treasurer (2018–2020) and board member of the APA Foundation (2020-2026). Dr. Dalack aspired to be a servant leader and relished the success of his colleagues, including faculty, staff and trainees.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Gregory W. Dalack, professor emeritus of psychiatry.**

Requested by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jon Kinsey', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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

June 2026