

The University of Michigan Regents Communication

Request for Action

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Tim Kiska, Ph.D., professor of communications in the College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, University of Michigan-Dearborn, retired from active faculty status on April 30, 2026.

Professor Kiska received his Ph.D. degree from Wayne State University in 2003, after a 32-year career in journalism at the *Detroit Free Press*, 1970-1987, and the *Detroit News*, 1987-2002. Professor Kiska joined the University of Michigan-Dearborn faculty as an assistant professor of Communications in 2003, and was promoted to associate professor in 2009, and professor in 2022.

Professor Kiska is an established authority on the history of Detroit media. He has published on a wide range of topics, including women in sports journalism, the social and political dimensions of the journalism covering the 1967 Detroit rebellion, Richard Nixon's relation to the news media, and various aspects of election analysis. Throughout his time at UM-Dearborn, he practiced journalism, publishing features, op-eds, and obituaries. He served as an election analyst for the *Detroit Free Press* and for local television stations. Most notably, for six seasons, he produced and presented the Michigan History Podcast, which received the Best Media award from the Historical Society of Michigan in 2020. His historical documentary on WDIV-TV was awarded an Emmy for best historical documentary in 2023, and he was elected to the Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame in 2022.

Professor Kiska's many years of teaching reflect his broad knowledge and extensive professional expertise, and ongoing involvement. He gave his students a thorough grounding in the history and practice of journalism, and he served for many years as advisor to UM-Dearborn's weekly student newspaper, *The Michigan Journal*. He was chair of the UM-Dearborn Faculty Senate (2014-2016) and a member of the senate's five-member council (2013-2014). He also served on the University Budget Committee and the Provost's UM3 Committee (2018). He has given talks, served on panels, and moderated discussions on the two museum exhibits he curated.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Tim Kiska, professor emeritus of communications**.

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

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