

# THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

## *Regents Communication*

### ACTION REQUEST

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

**Barbara A. Israel, Dr.P.H.**, professor of health behavior and health education in the School of Public Health, retired from active faculty status on August 31, 2024.

Dr. Israel received her B.A. degree in 1972 from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC-CH), her M.P.H. degree in 1978 from the School of Public Health (SPH), UNC-CH, and her Dr.P.H. degree from the SPH, UNC-CH in 1982. Professor Israel joined the SPH faculty as an assistant professor in 1982 and was promoted through the ranks to professor in 1994. She was a visiting professor, Department of Public Health, Wellington School of Medicine, University of Otago, Wellington, New Zealand (9/96-6/97, 9/03-6/04, 10/10-5/11). Professor Israel has served as the director of the Detroit Community-Academic Urban Research Center (Detroit URC) since 1995, and was chair of the department in the SPH from 7/1995 - 6/1999.

Dr. Israel has made substantial contributions to the teaching program. She has consistently taught three courses a year considered by the department and students to be core to the curriculum. She is a dedicated and engaged mentor for graduate students. She has served on or chaired numerous department, school and university-wide committees. Dr. Israel is a highly regarded researcher with an extensive portfolio of significant nationally recognized work. She is especially recognized for her contribution to the development and implementation of community-based participatory research (CBPR) that emphasizes the equitable involvement of community partners in all aspects of the research process. She has published widely in prestigious journals on CBPR and the social and physical environmental determinants of health and health inequities. Dr. Israel has been actively involved in a number of National Institutes of Health and Foundation-funded CBPR partnerships focused on understanding and addressing health inequities in Detroit, examining, for example, the environmental triggers of childhood asthma, the social determinants of cardiovascular disease, the impact of physical activity interventions on heart health, and capacity building for conducting CBPR and policy advocacy. She has received numerous awards throughout her career, including the Elizabeth Fries Health Education Award by the CDC Foundation in 2022. Professor Israel is a highly regarded faculty member who has made key contributions to teaching, research, practice and service within the school, university, community and her profession.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Barbara A. Israel, professor emerita of health behavior and health education.**

**Requested by:**

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**Jon Kinsey**

**Vice President and Secretary of the University**

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