

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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ACTION REQUEST

Adopted by the Regents
September 18, 2008

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Luke Y. Tsai, M.D., professor of psychiatry and professor of pediatrics and communicable diseases in the Medical School, and research scientist in the Institute for Human Adjustment, retired from active faculty status on August 31, 2008.

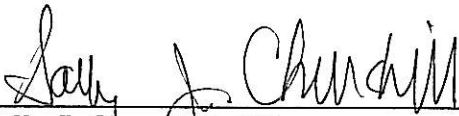
Dr. Tsai received his M.D. degree from Taipei Medical College, Taipei, Taiwan in 1970. He completed his psychiatric residency training at the Taipei City Psychiatric Center (1971-74), the College of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (1974-75), and at the University of Iowa (1975-77), and subspecialty training in child psychiatry at the University of Iowa (1977-79). From 1979-88 he held faculty appointments at the University of Iowa and the University of Kansas. Dr. Tsai joined the University of Michigan faculty as associate professor of psychiatry in 1988. He received a joint appointment as associate professor of pediatrics and communicable diseases in 1989 and was promoted to professor in both disciplines in 1993. He was appointed research scientist in the University of Michigan Autism and Communication Disorders Center (UMACC) within the Institute for Human Adjustment in 2002.

Dr. Tsai has held key leadership positions in the Department of Psychiatry, including chief of the Child and Adolescent Service, director of the Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellowship Training Program and director of the Developmental Disorders Clinic. Within the UMACC, he helped initiate and participated in the very first clinical assessments. He has been a devoted mentor and supervisor for numerous faculty, staff, residents, and fellows. In 2002, he received the Department of Psychiatry's "Teacher of the Year" award, and in 2003, the Autism Society of Michigan awarded him its President's Award.

Dr. Tsai is the author of more than 80 articles, 7 books, and 38 book chapters, and has made hundreds of presentations around the world on the diagnosis and treatment of autism and related disorders. He has been recognized nationally and internationally for his contributions and has served as a crucial ambassador to Asian countries in the field of child psychiatry and autism.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member for his dedicated service by naming **Luke Y. Tsai professor emeritus of psychiatry, professor emeritus of pediatrics and communicable diseases, and research scientist emeritus.**

Requested by:



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