

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

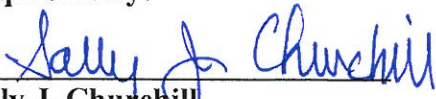
Caroline S. Blaum, M.D., assistant dean for clinical affairs, associate medical director of the Family Group Practice, professor of internal medicine, and research professor in the Institute of Gerontology, Medical School, retired from active faculty status on August 31, 2012.

Dr. Blaum received her B.A., M.D., and M.S. degrees from the University of Michigan in 1973, 1979, and 1988, respectively. She completed her internship (1980) and residency (1981) at the Presbyterian Hospital, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University, with an additional residency at the Detroit Receiving Hospital, Wayne State University (1982). From 1983-91, she was a staff physician and division head (1987-91) at Henry Ford Hospital. She joined the University of Michigan faculty as a lecturer and research fellow in 1991, and was promoted to assistant professor and assistant research scientist in 1994, associate professor in 2004, and professor and research professor in 2009.

Dr. Blaum is widely recognized for her ground-breaking research defining the impact of comorbidity on the health and function of older people, especially those with diabetes. She investigated the development of disability in patients with chronic disease, and the potential for exercise to improve physical impairment among older adults with diabetes. Dr. Blaum is an active mentor to many junior faculty members, and has been a national leader in the development of health policy and novel care delivery models for older adults. Within the Health System, Dr. Blaum headed the University's activities as one of the nation's first pioneer accountable care organizations. She served as associate medical director of M-Care (1998-99) and associate division chief of the Division of Geriatric and Palliative Medicine (2007-11), and was appointed assistant dean for medical affairs in 2011.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Caroline S. Blaum professor emerita of internal medicine and research professor emerita.**

Requested by:


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Vice President and Secretary of the University

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