

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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ACTION REQUEST

Adopted by the Regents
September 19, 2013

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

John R.C. Wheeler, Ph.D., professor of health management and policy in the School of Public Health, faculty associate in the Survey Research Center, the Institute for Social Research, and faculty associate and professor of pediatrics and communicable diseases in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on July 31, 2013.

Professor Wheeler received his B.S. degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1970, and his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Michigan in 1973 and 1976, respectively. From 1976-77, he served on the faculty of Cornell University. Professor Wheeler joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1977, and was promoted to associate professor in 1983, and professor in 1990. From 1991-97, he served as chair of the Department of Health Management and Policy. He received an additional appointment as professor of pediatrics and communicable diseases in 2001. Professor Wheeler also held long standing faculty associate positions in both the Institute for Social Research and the Medical School.

Professor Wheeler's research focused on optimal investment and financing decisions by the health care firm, and health care payment policy. The results of his research on Medicare's end-stage renal disease payment program have influenced recent reforms and are expected to save the Medicare program \$900 million annually. More recently, Professor Wheeler studied the economics of vaccine research and development. His research endeavors have resulted in over 100 peer-reviewed journal articles. Under his leadership as chair, the Department of Health Management and Policy achieved national recognition as the top health administration program in the country by *U.S. News & World Report*. Professor Wheeler was a gifted teacher and devoted mentor to his countless graduate students, many of whom have gone on to distinguished careers in academia and industry. He received the Association of University Programs in Health Administration's Gary L. Filerman Prize for Educational Leadership in 2012.

The Regents now salute this outstanding teacher and scholar by naming **John R.C. Wheeler professor emeritus of health management and policy and professor emeritus of pediatrics and communicable diseases.**

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