THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement
Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir


Professor Kelbaugh received his B.A. and M.Arch. degrees from Princeton University in 1968 and 1972, respectively. He began his academic career at the New Jersey Institute of Technology School of Architecture in 1974. He served as chair of the Department of Architecture at the University of Washington from 1985-93. He joined the University of Michigan as dean and professor of architecture at the A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning in 1998, where he appointed 40 new faculty members and raised $45 million in donations, raising the college’s endowment from $7 million to $75 million.

Professor Kelbaugh is a designer and planner of international scope; an academic leader and teacher in architecture, urban design, and planning; an energy and sustainability expert; and a civic activist. His contributions have been recognized by over two dozen design awards and competition prizes. His lifelong solar design work is included in the Canadian Center for Architecture’s archive, the first solar buildings to be included in this world-famous archive. Professor Kelbaugh was a prolific author who authored Common Place: Toward Neighborhood and Regional Design (1997), followed by its sequel, Repairing the American Metropolis (2002). His most recent book was The Urban Fix: Resilient Cities in the War Against Climate Change, Writing Urbanism, Heat Islands, and Overpopulation (2019). He also wrote over a dozen book chapters and over a hundred periodical articles, as well as edited booklets on the ten five-day design workshops he organized and led in Detroit. Professor Kelbaugh was a fellow of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) and of the Congress of the New Urbanism. He was awarded the 2016 Topaz Medallion for Excellence in Architectural Education from the AIA and the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture, the highest education award given in North America. In 2017, he was named the Emil Lorch Collegiate Professor of Architecture and Urban Planning in recognition of his leadership.

The Regents now salute this distinguished architecture and urban design educator for his dedicated service by naming Douglas Stewart Kelbaugh, Emil Lorch Collegiate Professor Emeritus of Architecture and Urban Planning and professor emeritus of architecture and urban and regional planning.

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