

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

*Regents Communication*

**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

**Frank William Joseph Anderson, M.D., M.P.H.**, clinical professor of obstetrics and gynecology in the Medical School and clinical professor health behavior and health education in the School of Public Health, retired from active faculty status on July 1, 2021, after a most productive career as a teacher, researcher, mentor and clinician.

Professor Anderson received his M.D. degree in 1988 and completed his residency in obstetrics and gynecology in 1992 from the University of Tennessee. He completed an NIH National Research Service Award Fellowship in primary care obstetrics and gynecology in 1994 and an M.P.H. degree in international and maternal child health in 1993 from The Johns Hopkins University. He was appointed as an assistant professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in 1994. In 1996, Dr. Anderson became chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Chinle Comprehensive Health Care Facility, part of the Indian Health Service in Chinle, Arizona. In 1999, Dr. Anderson accepted a position as a lecturer in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Michigan to lead global health initiatives. Dr. Anderson was appointed assistant professor in 2000, clinical assistant professor in 2006, clinical associate professor in 2009, and clinical professor in 2016.

During Dr. Anderson's tenure at the University of Michigan, he has been instrumental in the teaching of medical students, residents and fellows in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. He taught Fundamentals of Reproductive Health annually for over 10 years in the School of Public Health. In recognition of his outstanding teaching, Dr. Anderson was selected to receive the 2012 Outstanding Faculty in Medical Student Teaching Award, the 2015 Golden Apple Award nominated by LSA students, and a Token of Appreciation from Medical Students (TAMS) Award in 2018.

Dr. Anderson was instrumental in translating factors that led to the retention of hundreds of OBGYN physicians in Ghana working in a program that was experiencing significant brain drain. He also looked at the impact of those physicians on health facilities in Ghana. In addition to his work internationally, Dr. Anderson served on the State of Michigan's Maternal Mortality Review Committee as both member and vice chair looking at current research studies to prevent maternal mortality from hemorrhage.

The Regents now salute this distinguished scholar and teacher by naming **Frank William Joseph Anderson, clinical professor emeritus of obstetrics and gynecology.**

**Requested by:**



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