THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

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

Roy Strickland, M.Arch., professor of architecture in the A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning, retired from active faculty status on September 2, 2021.

Professor Strickland received his B.A. degree from Columbia University in 1976 and his M.Arch. degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1982. That same year, he co-founded the design firm, Strickland and Carson Associates. He began his academic career as an adjunct assistant professor of architecture at Columbia University Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation (GSAPP). He continued at Columbia University GSAPP where he became an assistant professor of architecture in 1984 and was promoted to associate professor in 1988. He also served as the assistant dean for program development from 1988-90 and as the director of the urban design program from 1990-91. In 1991, he was a principal at the Hudson Studio.

Professor Strickland returned to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) as an associate professor of architecture in 1991. He also served as a principal research scientist in the department of architecture at MIT from 1999-2001. He launched the eponymous design firm, Strickland Urban Design in 1992. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an associate professor of architecture in 2001 where he served as the founding director of the Master of Urban Design program. He was promoted to full professor in 2012. In 2015, he joined the South China University of Technology as an international visiting professor of urban design. Since 2016, he has also been an adjunct professor of architecture at the Beijing University of Civil Engineering and Architecture. In 2015 the Chinese government made him an Overseas Expert (in urban design).

Professor Strickland is an internationally recognized and award-winning urban designer whose career is marked by theoretical and site-based initiatives to re-design and re-think the urban school and communities. He is the founder and director of the New American School Design Project at U-M and MIT, which developed the City of Learning (COL) design and planning strategy. The COL makes school design and programming holistic by integrating the planning of schools with that of communities. It has shaped the planning and delivery of more than $1 billion in school and community development projects across the United States.

The Regents now salute this distinguished architecture and urban design educator for his dedicated service by naming Roy Strickland, professor emeritus of architecture.

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