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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

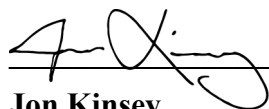
Denise G. Tate, Ph.D., professor of physical medicine and rehabilitation in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on September 30, 2024.

Professor Tate received her Ph.D. degree from Michigan State University in 1978 completing her clinical postdoctoral work in psychology both at Michigan State University and the University of Michigan. She joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1986, becoming an associate professor in 1994, and professor in 2002. During her tenure in physical medicine and rehabilitation, she focused her career path on research, teaching, and clinical care, serving as the chief psychologist for the spinal cord injury (SCI) unit at University Hospital while maintaining her role as PI on several grants, including research training grants for more than five years. She served as the associate chair for research in physical medicine and rehabilitation from 2006-2020. Additionally, she was the PI for the University of Michigan SCI Model System, one of the only comprehensive centers of spinal cord injury care and research in the Midwest, from 1995-2016.

Recognized for her outstanding contributions, Dr. Tate has received awards and accolades for her work. She received a Distinguished Service Award from the American Psychological Association (APA) and a Distinguished Member Award from ACRM. In 2000, she was selected for the role of director of the National Center for Medical Rehabilitation Research (NCMRR) but decided to stay at the University of Michigan instead. In 2001, her T32 program received the designation of NICHD MENTOR Award for Excellence in Research Training. Her achievements and publications have garnered recognition and have played a vital role in shaping the landscape of SCI research. Professor Tate published over 110 peer-reviewed articles. She served as chair and member in NIH, NIDILRR, CDC, DoD, AHRQ and other federal agencies study sections, boards and committees. Her research focused on exploring various aspects of SCI, including neurogenic bladder and bowel, quality of life, decision making and psychological well-being, and healthy aging. Professor Tate's work has enhanced our understanding of the holistic care and support needed by individuals with SCI. In 2013, she received the University of Michigan Medical School Clinical Health Services Research Award for her work in SCI.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Denise G. Tate, professor emerita of physical medicine and rehabilitation**.

Requested by:



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