

The University of Michigan Regents Communication Request for Action

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Arthur Lupia, Ph.D., vice president for research and innovation, Office of the Vice President for Research, Gerald R. Ford Distinguished University Professor of Political science, professor of political science, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and research professor, Institute for Social Research, retired from active faculty status on August 14, 2026.

Professor Lupia earned his B.A. in economics from the University of Rochester in 1986, his M.S. in social science in 1988, and his Ph.D. in social science in 1991, both from California Institute of Technology. He began his academic career as an assistant professor of political science at the University of California San Diego. He joined the University of Michigan in 2001 as professor of political science and as research professor at the Institute for Social Research. He was named the Hal R. Varian Collegiate Professor from 2006 to 2020, and Gerald R. Ford Distinguished University Professor in 2020.

Professor Lupia is internationally recognized for his scholarship on voter decision-making, persuasion, political coalitions, and increasing the public value of science. He is the author of *The Democratic Dilemma: Can Citizens Learn What They Need to Know?* and *Uninformed: Why People Know So Little About Politics and What We Can Do About It*, both widely cited. He successfully restructured the American National Election Studies and founded Time-Shared Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS), both core pieces of social science infrastructure.

At the University of Michigan, he served as vice president for research and innovation from 2024-2026. There, he led innovations such as Bold Challenges, the Impact Institutes and the Office of National Laboratories while guiding through U-M unprecedented changes in federal research funding. Beyond U-M, he served as assistant director of the National Science Foundation, he served as chair of the Board of Directors of the Center for Open Science, he co-chaired the White House's Subcommittee on Open Science, and he co-chaired the National Academy of Science, Engineering and Medicine's Strategic Council for Research Excellence, Integrity, and Trust. His accolades include a Guggenheim Fellowship, an Andrew Carnegie Fellowship, the National Academy of Science's Award for Initiatives in Research, APSA's Ithiel de Sola Pool Award and Charles Merriam Award, and U-M's Tronstein Award for Teaching Excellence.

The Regents now salute this distinguished scholar by naming **Arthur Lupia, vice president for research and innovation emeritus, Gerald R. Ford Distinguished University Professor Emeritus, professor emeritus of political science, and research professor emeritus.**

Requested by:

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Jon Kinsey

Vice President and Secretary of the University

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