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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

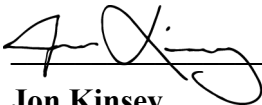
Laura Cooling, M.D., M.S., clinical professor of pathology in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on August 15, 2025.

Dr. Cooling received her M.D. (1989) followed by a clinical pathology residency (1993), transfusion medicine fellowship (1994), and master's degree in pathology (M.S., 1996) from the University of Iowa. She joined the University of Michigan in 2000 as an assistant clinical professor, and was promoted to associate clinical professor in 2007, and clinical professor in 2017.

Dr. Cooling is an eminent physician scholar in the field of transfusion medicine. In 2017, she was named to the National Blood Foundation Hall of Fame by the American Association of Blood Banks (AABB) for her work in transfusion medicine research. She was also named as a Top Scholar by Doximity (top 5%) and ScholarGPS (top 0.5%) in 2024. Her sole authored, 80-page seminal monograph *Blood Groups in Infection and Host Susceptibility* (CMR 2015;28:801-870) has 713 citations and 153,431 downloads to date. She has contributed over 40 chapters in leading hematology and pathology textbooks and is the major contributor for *Key Concepts in Transfusion Medicine* 1st edition, a new textbook for pathology trainees. She co-authored *Practical Guide to Transfusion Medicine* and is the sole author of *Stem Cell Collection, Infusion, and Transfusion Support: A Primer*. The latter is a new textbook for pathology residents, transfusion medicine and bone marrow transplant fellows that is “generally well-regarded as a concise and helpful resource for trainees... The book is praised for its clear explanations, use of graphic aids and focus on adult learners”. On the national level, she received the American Society for Apheresis (ASFA) Lecturer Award for her contributions as a speaker, teacher and mentor in the field. In 2019, she was awarded the AABB President's Award for her past service in education as vice-chair and chair (2007-2013) of the AABB Annual Meeting Education Program Unit Committee, AABB Continuing Education Advisory Committee (2016-2020), and as teaching faculty and guest lecturer in >100 national educational workshops, meetings and webinars. She has also been honored for her medical school teaching, becoming the first recipient of the Clinical Pathology Undergraduate Medical Educator Award for teaching first and second year medical students.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Laura Cooling, clinical professor emerita of pathology**.

Requested by:



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