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Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

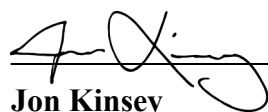
Sandra A. Graham-Bermann, Ph.D., professor of psychology in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and professor of psychiatry in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2025.

Professor Graham-Bermann received her B.A. (1979), A.M. (1984), and Ph.D. (1987) degrees from the University of Michigan. Professor Graham-Bermann joined the University of Michigan faculty as assistant professor of psychology in 1990, was promoted to associate professor in 1997, and professor in 2006. She joined psychiatry as a professor in 2009. Dr. Graham-Bermann completed her clinical internship at the University of Michigan Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Hospitals and a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Minnesota's Institute of Child Development. At Michigan, she chaired the Clinical Psychology Graduate Program, co-directed the NIMH-funded Interdisciplinary Research Training Program on Violence and Mental Health, and mentored more than forty doctoral students and postdoctoral fellows. She served on graduate education, faculty governance, and research policy committees.

An internationally recognized leader in the study of intimate partner violence and its effects on women and children, Dr. Graham-Bermann conducted pioneering research on trauma, coping, and resilience. She developed the Kids' Club and Moms' Empowerment Programs, implemented in eight countries and thirty-eight U.S. states. She has published more than 150 publications and several volumes, served on editorial boards, and advised policy initiatives worldwide. Her professional service extends to leadership roles in national and international psychological associations, consultation to federal agencies such as the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, and contributions to global violence and trauma policy. She has been a frequent keynote speaker and workshop leader, helping to translate research into practice for clinicians, educators, and policymakers. Her many honors include the APA's Nicholas Hobbs Award, Florence Halpern Award, Toy Caldwell-Colbert Award, and Award for Distinguished Professional Contributions to Applied Research, an honorary Ph.D. from Örebro University, and recognition among the top 2% of psychology faculty globally. Through her work, she has profoundly shaped the prevention and treatment of trauma across disciplines and borders.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Sandra A. Graham-Bermann, professor emerita of psychology and professor emerita of psychiatry**.

Requested by:



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