

# THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

## *Regents Communication*

### ACTION REQUEST

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

**Joseph Himle, Ph.D.**, Howard V. Brabson Collegiate Professor of Social Work, professor of social work, School of Social Work, and professor of psychiatry, Medical School, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2025.

Dr. Himle earned his Ph.D. in social work and personality psychology (1995), M.S.W. (1984), and B.A. in psychology (1983), all from the University of Michigan. He began his academic career in 1996 as a clinical assistant professor in the Department of Psychiatry. In 2003, he was appointed assistant professor in both the School of Social Work and the Department of Psychiatry. He was promoted to associate professor in both units in 2009 and to professor in both units in 2015. In 2018, he was named the Howard V. Brabson Collegiate Professor of Social Work.

At the School of Social Work, Dr. Himle served as associate dean for research (2015-2017), associate dean for faculty affairs (2018-2022), and interim dean (January-July 2022), before resuming his role as associate dean for faculty affairs through the end of 2023.

A nationally recognized leader in mental health research, Dr. Himle's scholarship focused on expanding access to cognitive behavioral therapy in underserved communities and examining anxiety disorders among African Americans. His work earned numerous accolades, including the Michigan Institute for Clinical and Health Research's Distinguished Clinical and Translational Research Mentor Award (2019), election as a fellow of the American Academy of Social Work and Social Welfare (2020), and the School of Social Work's Distinguished Faculty Award (2025). He was also recognized among the Top 100 Most Influential Contemporary Social Work Faculty by the *Journal of Social Service Research*.

Professor Himle made significant contributions to the school's research enterprise. He co-directed the Vivian A. and James L. Curtis Research and Training Center and founded the school's Treatment Innovation and Dissemination Research Group, which he also co-directed. In the Department of Psychiatry, he served as director of psychosocial programs, director of Cognitive Behavioral Training, associate director of the Anxiety Disorders Program, and director of education in the Adult Ambulatory Psychiatry Program.

The Regents now salute this distinguished scholar by naming **Joseph Himle, Howard V. Brabson Collegiate Professor Emeritus of Social Work, professor emeritus of social work, and professor emeritus of psychiatry**.

**Requested by:**



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