

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Kenneth W. Kollman, Ph.D., Frederick G.L. Huetwell Professor, professor of political science, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and research professor, Center for Political Studies, Institute for Social Research, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2025.

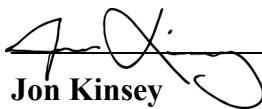
Professor Kollman earned his B.A. from the University of Notre Dame in 1988, his M.S. in mathematical methods in the social sciences in 1991, and his Ph.D. in political science in 1993, both from Northwestern University. He began his academic career as an instructor at Northwestern and joined the University of Michigan in 1993 as assistant professor of political science. He was promoted to associate professor in 1999 and professor in 2004, and has served as a research professor at the Institute for Social Research since 2004. He was named the Frederick G.L. Huetwell Professor in 2011.

Professor Kollman is internationally recognized for his research on political parties, federalism, interest groups, and electoral behavior. He is the author or co-author of several highly influential books, including *Outside Lobbying: Public Opinion and Interest Group Strategies* and *The Formation of National Party Systems* (with Pradeep Chhibber), which received multiple national awards. He is co-principal investigator of the Constituency-Level Election Archive (CLEA), and his leadership has significantly advanced the discipline's data infrastructure. Professor Kollman has published widely in top journals and raised substantial external funding through grants from agencies such as the National Science Foundation.

At the University of Michigan, Professor Kollman served as director of the Center for Political Studies and director of the International Institute, and held numerous other leadership roles in both LSA and ISR. He played a central role in developing new academic programs, including the international studies minor and major. He mentored students and colleagues, and advanced interdisciplinary research and international opportunities for students. He most recently received the 2024 Samuel Eldersveld Career Achievement Award from the American Political Science Association.

The Regents now salute this distinguished teacher, scholar, and administrator by naming Kenneth W. Kollman, **Frederick G. L. Huetwell Professor Emeritus, professor emeritus of political science, and research professor emeritus.**

Requested by:



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