

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

**Stéphane Lafortune, Ph.D.**, N. Harris McClamroch Collegiate Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, and professor of electrical engineering and computer science, College of Engineering, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2025.

Professor Lafortune received his B.Eng. degree from École Polytechnique de Montréal (1980), his M.Eng. degree from McGill University (1982), and his Ph.D. degree from the University of California at Berkeley (1986), all in electrical engineering. Since September 1986, he has been with the University of Michigan, where he is a professor of electrical engineering and computer science (EECS). In March 2018, he was appointed as the N. Harris McClamroch Collegiate Professor of EECS.

Professor Lafortune's research interests focused on discrete event systems and included multiple problem domains: modeling, diagnosis, control, optimization, and applications to computer and software systems. He received the Axelby Outstanding Paper Award from the IEEE Control Systems Society in 1994 and 2001. He led the development of the software package UMDES and co-developed the software tool DESUMA.

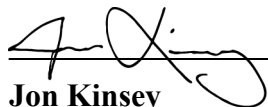
Professor Lafortune served as associate chair of the department (2000-2003), and associate chair for Graduate Affairs (2011-2014). He has taught 16 different courses at all levels, and developed the graduate course in discrete event systems as well as three other special topics courses.

He co-authored the textbook *Introduction to Discrete Event Systems* (Third Edition, Springer, 2021), and served as editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Discrete Event Dynamic Systems: Theory and Applications* (from 2015-2020).

Professor Lafortune has received numerous recognitions, including the HKN Professor of the Year Award in 2019 and 2024; the EECS Outstanding Achievement Award; the EECS department research (1995) and teaching (1998) awards; the College of Engineering research, service, and education excellence awards; the 1999 U-M Inventor Recognition Award; and the 1990 NSF Young Investigator Award.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Stéphane Lafortune, N. Harris McClamroch Collegiate Professor Emeritus of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science and professor emeritus of electrical engineering and computer science.**

**Requested by:**



**Jon Kinsey**  
Vice President and Secretary of the University

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