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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

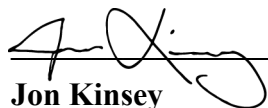
Katherine A. McGonagle, Ph.D., research professor, Survey Research Center (SRC), Institute for Social Research, will retire from active faculty status on January 31, 2026.

Dr. McGonagle holds a B.A. (1984), an M.A. (1986), and a Ph.D. in social psychology (1988) from Miami University, Oxford, OH. She joined SRC as a post-doctoral fellow in 1988 and was appointed senior social science research associate in 1993. In 2000, Dr. McGonagle joined the program administering the Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID), the world's longest running household panel study and a leading source of information on the social and economic circumstances of U.S. families. She was appointed associate research scientist in 2008 and was promoted to research professor in 2020. Dr. McGonagle has continuously served in a lead capacity on grants supporting the PSID and was a co-director of the program from 2021 to 2024.

Dr. McGonagle has made significant scientific contributions in survey methodology, psychology, and psychiatric epidemiology. She has overseen data collection and dissemination for major studies including the National Comorbidity Survey, the PSID, the Child Development Supplement, and the Transition into Adulthood Study. She was part of the pioneering team to use diagnostic interviews for the collection of nationally representative U.S. mental health data. Dr. McGonagle established a strong international academic presence through ongoing collaborations with leading investigators and institutions worldwide, regularly presenting methodological research at major conferences, leading global data-sharing efforts, and consulting for international agencies on survey methods and best practices in longitudinal studies. Most recently, Dr. McGonagle led the major transition of the PSID to mixed-mode survey administration. She has made significant contributions to the research literature on panel maintenance and retention by developing and evaluating innovative, cost-effective data collection methods, including mixed-mode survey designs and strategies to enhance respondent motivation and survey participation.

The Regents now salute this distinguished scholar by naming **Katherine A. McGonagle, research professor emerita**.

Requested by:



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