

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

*Regents Communication*

**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

**Alan M. Mellow, M.D., Ph.D.**, associate professor of psychiatry in the Medical School, will retire from active faculty status on January 2, 2018.

Dr. Mellow received his B.S. (1973) degree from the University of Illinois, Chicago and Urbana. He received his Ph.D. (1980) and M.D. (1981) degrees from Northwestern University. He completed an internship in internal medicine at the University of Chicago (1982), residency training in psychiatry at Harvard Medical School (1985), and a research fellowship in geriatric psychopharmacology at the National Institute of Mental Health in Bethesda, Maryland (1988). He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1988, and was promoted to associate professor in 1995. He also held a joint appointment as a staff psychiatrist at the VA Ann Arbor Health System (VAAAHS).

Dr. Mellow's research focused on the pharmacology of dementia, the psychobiology and pharmacotherapy of geriatric alcoholism, outcomes in dementia and geriatric depression and pain-suicide relationships. He received research funding from the National Institutes of Health and the Department of Veterans Affairs. He served on grant review committees for the VA, the National Institute of Mental Health, and the National Institute on Aging. Dr. Mellow held a number of key leadership positions throughout his tenure at the University and the VAAAHS. He served as the founding chief of the University's Section of Geriatric Psychiatry from 1995-2009 and founding director of the University's Geriatric Psychiatry Fellowship Program from 1990-2008. Dr. Mellow worked with multiple mentees over the years, many of whom have gone on to tenured positions at the University and other leading academic medical centers. He published over 60 peer-reviewed publications and presented at over 70 conferences. Dr. Mellow has been listed as one of *American's Top Doctors* since 2001 and was cited as being in the top one percent of U.S. geriatric psychiatrists according to *U.S. News & World Report* in 2012.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Alan M. Mellow, associate professor emeritus of psychiatry**.

**Requested by:**



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