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**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**  
**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

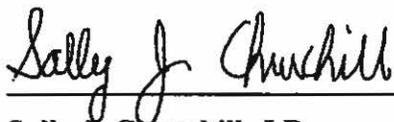
**James T. Fitzgerald, Ph.D.**, professor of learning health sciences in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2018.

Dr. Fitzgerald received his B.A. degree from Michigan State University in 1977, his M.A. degree from Wayne State University in 1980, and his Ph.D. degree from the University of Michigan in 1985. He joined the University of Michigan as a research investigator in 1994. He was appointed assistant professor in 2000, and promoted to associate professor in 2004, and professor in 2009.

Dr. Fitzgerald's research in the area of diabetes attitudes and education was internationally noted. He led the development, validation, and reliability of three widely-used, diabetes-related survey instruments. These instruments were translated into several languages and adapted for use in many countries. The test was also integrated into the automated medical records of Kaiser Permanente Health Connect in California. In addition, Dr. Fitzgerald played an instrumental role in the development and validation of the "Geriatrics Clinical Decision-Making Assessment" instrument as a part of The Donald W. Reynolds Foundation project titled the "Comprehensive Programs to Strengthen Physicians' Training in Geriatrics." He was actively involved in the geriatric education intervention program that targeted primary care providers in VA community-based outpatient clinics. Dr. Fitzgerald served as the chair of the Assessment Committee of the competency-based Master of Health Professions Education program in the Medical School. He also taught extensively in his areas of research and expertise, and was a sought-out mentor to medical and graduate students as well as faculty.

The Regents now salute this distinguished scholar and teacher by naming **James T. Fitzgerald, professor emeritus of learning health sciences.**

**Requested by:**



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