

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

John C. Burkhardt, Ph.D., clinical professor of education in the Center for the Study of Higher and Postsecondary Education in the School of Education, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2020.

Professor Burkhardt received his B.A. (1972) degree from Oakland University, his M.A. (1974) degree from Michigan State University, and his M.A. (1985) and Ph.D. (1986) degrees from the University of Michigan. From 1993-2000, he served as the program director for leadership and higher education at the W.K. Kellogg Foundation where he led several major initiatives focused on transformation and change in higher education. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as a clinical professor and director of the National Forum on Higher Education for the Public Good in 2000. He also served as director of the National Center for Institutional Diversity from 2013-16.

Throughout his distinguished career, Professor Burkhardt's scholarship advanced the field's knowledge of leadership and transformation, organizational culture, and the role of philanthropy in U.S. society and higher education. He published four co-edited books during his career at the University of Michigan, including *Inspiration for Servant Leaders: Lessons from Fifty Years of Research and Practice* in 2020. In recognition of his significant contributions to advancing educational access and equity for undocumented students in the U.S., he received the National Leadership Award for Outstanding Support of Hispanic Issues from the American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education in 2019. He held a number of prominent state and national service roles. He was a senior policy advisor on the Governor's Commission on Higher Education and Michigan's Future and was appointed by the Michigan House of Representatives as a member of the Blue Ribbon Panel on Higher Education as a Public Good.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **John C. Burkhardt, clinical professor emeritus of education**.

Requested by:



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