THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

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

John Bound, Ph.D., George E. Johnson Collegiate Professor of Economics and professor of economics in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, research professor at the Population Studies Center and faculty associate at the Survey Research Center in the Institute for Social Research, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2022.

Professor Bound earned a Bachelor of Arts degree (1971), a master’s in education (1979) and a doctorate in economics (1987) from Harvard University. He joined the faculty at the University of Michigan as an assistant professor in 1986, was promoted through the ranks to professor in 1998, and was named George E. Johnson Collegiate Professor of Economics in 2010. He was appointed in the Institute for Social Research in 1986, serving as a faculty associate (Survey Research Center) since 1988 and research professor (Population Studies Center) since 2001.

Professor Bound has studied economic, demographic, and policy influences on the health, employment, earnings and wealth of the U.S population. In collaboration with Arline Geronimus, he co-authored numerous papers on black-white differences in health outcomes. He was among the first to develop evidence that technological change is an important factor contributing to declining employer demand for those without a college degree. His methodological contributions include influential work on weak instrumental variables and on understanding the nature and extent of measurement error in survey data. He is a research associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research. He was elected a fellow of the Econometric Society in 2004 and of the Society of Labor Economists in 2006. He has been a visiting scholar at the Russell Sage Foundation, the Institute for Advanced Study at the University of Bristol, and the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences at Stanford.

During his years at Michigan, Professor Bound served as director of the Michigan Center on the Demography of Aging (2003-2018), taught graduate and undergraduate courses in labor economics, led multiple Federal training grants, and supervised a large number of Ph.D. theses.

The Regents now salute this distinguished scholar by naming John Bound, George E. Johnson Collegiate Professor Emeritus of Economics, professor emeritus of economics, and research professor emeritus.

Requested by:

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