

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

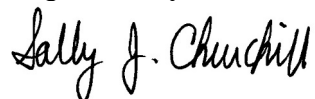
Thomas R. George, Ph.D., clinical assistant professor of kinesiology in the School of Kinesiology, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2023.

Professor George received his B.A. degree from Northeastern State University in 1984, his M.S. degree from Miami University in 1988, and his Ph.D. degree from Michigan State University in 1993. Professor George joined the University of Michigan faculty as a lecturer in 1992. He then joined the sport management program as a clinical assistant professor in the Division of Kinesiology in 1998.

Professor George served as program chair of health and fitness from 2015-2018, applied exercise science from 2021-2023, and sport management from 2000-2015. During his 15 years as Sport Management program chair, he oversaw the initial design of the 2-level admissions process currently used in the sport management undergraduate curriculum. He assisted the school in creating the Sport Management Advisory Board (SMAB), which has been essential to the establishment of the identity of the program. Professor George has also served as the director of global engagement (the School of Kinesiology's study abroad program) for the past eight years. Professor George has been recognized by his students six times as the most effective teacher in his program, for which he received the School of Kinesiology's Excellence in Teaching Award. He was nominated seven times for the university's Golden Apple Award. Professor George has responded with grace and distinction every time the School of Kinesiology has needed his leadership and led his colleagues to enhance the education experiences of students.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Thomas R. George, clinical assistant professor emeritus of kinesiology**.

Requested by:



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