

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Mick P. Couper, Ph.D., research professor, Survey Research Center (SRC) in the Institute for Social Research (ISR), retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2024.

Professor Couper earned a B.Soc.Sc., social work in 1978, a B.Soc.Sc. (Hons), sociology in 1980 and an M.Soc.Sc., sociology in 1983 from the University of Cape Town. In 1989 he earned an M.A. in applied social research from the University of Michigan, and a Ph.D. in sociology in 1990 from Rhodes University, South Africa. He has devoted his professional life to research and has held a research appointment at SRC since 1990. In 1993, he was promoted to assistant research scientist. He was promoted to research associate professor in 1999 and research professor in 2007. From 2009-2013, he served as an associate director of SRC. He has held adjunct professor appointments at the University of Maryland, and the University of Michigan, Department of Sociology. He has held faculty associate positions at both the university Comprehensive Cancer Center and Population Studies Center.

Professor Couper has made important contributions to the study of survey methodology. He is well known for his work on survey nonresponse and the use of technology in survey research, and has published extensively (including authoring or co-authoring seven books and over 200 peer-reviewed journal articles) on a variety of topics in survey research. He is an elected fellow of the American Statistical Association and an elected member of the International Statistical Institute. He has received two book awards and an innovators' award from the American Association for Public Opinion Research. In 2002, he received a Research Scientist Achievement Award from the University of Michigan. He currently serves on the Committee for National Statistics of the National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine. Professor Couper taught in the Joint Program in Survey Methodology and SRC Summer Institute in Survey Research Techniques for over twenty years. He has served on over 20 Ph.D. dissertation committees at the University of Michigan and elsewhere, and mentored a number of graduate students at the university.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Mick P. Couper, research professor emeritus**.

Requested by:



Jon Kinsey
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