THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

John D. Piette, Ph.D., professor of health behavior and health equity, professor of global public health, School of Public Health (SPH), and professor of internal medicine, Medical School, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2024.

Dr. Piette received his Ph.D. from Brown University in 1992. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an associate professor with tenure in the Medical School's Department of Internal Medicine/Division of General Medicine in July 2001. In 2007, he was promoted to professor in the Medical School. He joined the UM SPH in 2014 as a professor of health behavior and health education.

Since joining the School of Public Health, Dr. Piette has served as director of the University of Michigan Center for Managing Chronic Disease and as an associate director of the Michigan Center for Diabetes Translational Research. His research focuses on developing and evaluating novel strategies for using patient-facing health technology to improve the accessibility and quality of care for patients with mood and anxiety disorders, chronic pain, substance use disorders, and chronic medical illnesses. He has been the principle investigator on multiple federally-funded randomized trials of disease management services supported by communication tools for patients and informal caregivers. Dr. Piette has twice been named a Fulbright Faculty Scholar for his teaching and research in Latin America, and in 2020, he was awarded a "Diplomado" (similar to a 1-year master's degree) from the Beck CBT Institute in Mexico. His program for training and delivery of mental health services has been embraced as the cornerstone of community-based initiatives by the government of Honduras, USAID, and (in Mexico and Colombia) YMCA Community Social Services. In 2017, Dr. Piette was named a professor of global public health. In addition to his UM roles, Dr. Piette is one of 15 Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) senior research career scientists and has multiple leadership scientific roles in the VA. He has published over 320 peer-reviewed scientific articles, he has served as a mentor for more than 20 pre-doctoral and post-doctoral trainees, and he has taught courses in digital public health and brief behavioral interventions in the School of Public Health for 8 years.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming John D. Piette, professor emeritus of health behavior and health education and professor emeritus of global public health.

Requested by:

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