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**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

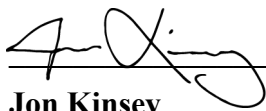
**Terry E. Robinson, Ph.D.**, Elliot S. Valenstein Distinguished University Professor of Psychology and Neuroscience and professor of psychology, in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2024.

Professor Robinson received his B.A. (1972) degree from the University of Lethbridge, his M.A. (1974) degree from the University of Saskatchewan, his Ph.D. (1978) degree from the University of Western Ontario, and a Doctor of Science (honoris causa) degree (2016) from the University of Lethbridge. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1978, and was promoted to associate professor in 1984, and professor in 1989. Professor Robinson was the Elliot S. Valenstein Collegiate Professor of Behavioral Neuroscience from 2001-2011 and was named the Elliot S. Valenstein Distinguished University Professor of Psychology and Neuroscience in 2011.

Professor Robinson is a world-renowned behavioral neuroscientist, whose research focused on brain and psychological mechanisms of addiction. Professor Robinson identified neural sensitization changes caused by drugs and proposed that the role of those neural changes in addicted individuals was to cause excessive wanting to take drugs (but not cause more liking of the same drugs). Professor Robinson showed that addictive brain changes can endure for years even if drugs are no longer taken, providing an explanation for the persistence of addictive vulnerability to relapse. His work also explored the role of individual differences in cue-triggered motivation, showing that some individuals are more attracted by reward cues than others, are less able to resist drug cues, and are less able to cognitively regulate their behavior. Among Professor Robinson's many honors are the Distinguished Scientific Contribution Award from the American Psychological Association, the William James Fellow Award for lifetime achievement from the Association for Psychological Science, the Grawemeyer Award for Outstanding Ideas in Psychology, and the Henry Russel Lectureship at the University of Michigan.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Terry E. Robinson, Elliot S. Valenstein Distinguished University Professor Emeritus of Psychology and Neuroscience and professor emeritus of psychology.**

**Requested by:**



**Jon Kinsey**

**Vice President and Secretary of the University**

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