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**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

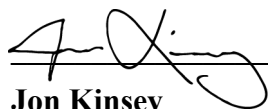
**Donna M. Wicker, O.D.**, clinical assistant professor in ophthalmology and visual sciences in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on October 3, 2024.

Dr. Wicker graduated from the State University of New York College of Optometry in 1987, following her undergraduate degree from Cornell University in 1983. In addition to her MI optometry license, Dr. Wicker is low vision certified by the MI Optometric Association (MOA) since 1991, which entailed case reports, interviews and a written exam. She is co-chair of the MOA Low Vision Rehabilitation Committee. Dr. Wicker is also a fellow of the American Academy of Optometry (AAO) since 1991. In addition, she completed the Clinical Investigator Course (CIC) through the AAO in 2021. Dr. Wicker's UM appointments are summarized as follows: staff optometrist 1987-2000, lecturer 1988-2002, clinical instructor 2002-2016, and clinical assistant professor 2016-2024.

Dr. Wicker has published at least 14 articles relating to low vision and contact lens patient care, more than nine were peer reviewed scientific research. She has also presented at least 13 scientific posters at national meetings. Dr Wicker has also provided low vision related lectures at professional state, national and international conferences, in addition to local community service talks. She has presented to community organizations roughly 33 times and feels the UM connection to community is vital. She has been involved in resident teaching (~27 talks/ Grand Rounds) in both the classroom and clinic setting (weekly basis for 35 years, teaching hundreds of ophthalmology residents). She was also involved in medical student teaching, providing the annual low vision lectures (16 years) and educating medical students in low vision clinic during their disability elective. Dr Wicker has represented UM globally by participating in at least nine vision care trips associated with Lions Club or with Eye Health Institute-UM partnership. She had the opportunity to provide patient care and teach optometry students in the UM designed container clinic in Sandy Bay, Jamaica. Dr. Wicker is currently involved in the following NIH RO1 research grant at 5% effort: Optimizing low vision rehabilitation in emotionally distressed patients with inherited retinal diseases (PI T. Kanishka Jayasundera).

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Donna M. Wicker, clinical assistant professor emerita in ophthalmology and visual sciences.**

**Requested by:**



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