

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Adopted by the Regents

June 18, 2009

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Morton B. Brown, Ph.D., professor of biostatistics in the School of Public Health, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2009.

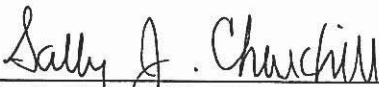
Professor Brown received his B.Sc. degree from McGill University in 1962, and his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Princeton University in 1964 and 1965, respectively. From 1965-81, he held alternating appointments on the faculties at University of California, Los Angeles and Tel-Aviv University. During this period he was responsible for the development of the categorical data analysis programs in the first major statistical software package, BMDP. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as professor of biostatistics in 1981.

Professor Brown served as chair of the Department of Biostatistics from 1984-87. Among his administrative accomplishments, he developed a growth model for the departmental faculty that was later adopted with great success, and he pioneered a capstone course for master's degree students, which is widely acclaimed as a key element in the success of the program.

Professor Brown's research interests include clinical trials, categorical data analysis, statistical computing, robust methods and model fitting. He has collaborated with medical school colleagues in developing methods for the analysis of hormone data. Professor Brown has over 240 refereed publications, has chaired 18 doctoral committees, and has a record of excellence in funding and supervising students. From 1998-2007, Professor Brown built the infrastructure for the data coordinating center for multicenter trials and was the principal investigator on two NIH-funded multicenter networks, as well as the director of the data coordinating center for several other trials.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Morton B. Brown professor emeritus of biostatistics.**

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