

# THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

## *Regents Communication*

### ACTION REQUEST

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

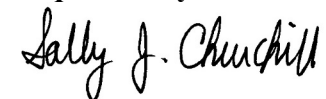
**Cleopatra Howard Caldwell, Ph.D.**, professor and chair of health behavior and health education (HBHE) in the School of Public Health, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2023 and from her administrative position as chair of HBHE on August 31, 2023.

Dr. Caldwell received her B.S. degree in 1973 from North Carolina A&T State University, her M.A. degree in 1975 from Wayne State University, and her A.M. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Michigan in 1983 and 1986, respectively. Dr. Caldwell joined the School of Public Health (SPH) faculty as an assistant professor in 1996, and was promoted through the ranks to professor with tenure in 2014. She has served as the director of the Center for Research on Ethnicity, Culture and Health at SPH since 2011 and she has been chair of the HBHE department since 2017. Dr. Caldwell is also an adjunct professor in the Department of Psychology and a faculty associate with the Program for Research on Black Americans, Research Center for Group Dynamics at the Institute for Social Research.

Dr. Caldwell is a productive researcher with a diverse portfolio of nationally recognized studies, including the National Survey of American Life – Adolescent Supplement, The Fathers and Sons Intergenerational Intervention Studies, and the Paternal Role in Adverse Birth Outcomes in Black Families. Her research includes survey and intervention studies using a community-based participatory research approach. Her work highlights the role of racial discrimination and racial identity as risk or protective factors for the mental health of ethnically diverse Black (i.e., African American and Caribbean Black) youth and families. Dr. Caldwell has published more than 195 peer reviewed articles, 25 book chapters, and one co-authored book: *Researching Black Communities: A Methodological Guide*, which was well received. She has served as associate editor for *Developmental Psychology* and on the editorial board of several key journals in her field. She has a strong history of external research funding and she has been a mentor to numerous underrepresented early career faculty, postdoctoral fellows, graduate students and undergraduate trainees in the social and behavioral sciences. Many have attained faculty roles with tenure at universities across the country. She has worked with national mentoring programs such as the National Research Mentoring Network, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's New Connections, the American Psychological Association's Cyber Mentoring Program, the Michigan Integrative Well-being and Inequality Training Program and the CDC John R. Lewis Scholars Program. Her mentoring has been rewarded with numerous mentoring awards.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Cleopatra Howard Caldwell, professor emerita of health behavior and health education.**

**Requested by:**



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**Sally J. Churchill, J.D.**  
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