THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: **Report of Faculty Retirement**

Action Requested: **Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

Richard L. Valliant, Ph.D., research professor in the Survey Research Center, Institute for Social Research, will retire from active faculty status on December 31, 2016.

Professor Valliant received his B.S. (1972) degree from the University of Arkansas, his M.S. (1975) degree from Cornell University, and his Ph.D. (1983) degree from The Johns Hopkins University. His professional career began as a mathematical statistician at the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics from 1983-97. He subsequently served as an associate director at Westat from 1998-2003. Professor Valliant joined the University of Michigan faculty as a research professor in 2003. He served as associate director of the Joint Program in Survey Methodology for the University of Maryland and the University of Michigan from 2010-16.

Professor Valliant has made important contributions to survey methodology in the areas of imputation for missing data, variance estimation for complex survey data, record linkage, and statistical software development. He has over 40 years of experience in survey sampling, estimation theory, and statistical computing, including work on the Consumer Price Index, the Producer Price Index, and other surveys that supply some of the nation's key economic indicators. He has been an editor of *Survey Methodology*, the *Journal of Official Statistics*, and both sections of the *Journal of the American Statistical Association*. Professor Valliant has received several awards during his career. In 2008, he received the Statistical Science Award-Applied Paper Category from the Center for Disease Control for his work on cell collapsing in poststratification with J.J. Kim and J. Li. In 1996, he received the Commissioner's Eminent Achievement Award for work on the formula bias question in the Consumer Price Index. In 1994, he received the U.S. Department of Labor Secretary's Exceptional Achievement Award for work on redesign of the Current Population Survey. He was also elected a fellow of the American Statistical Association in 1992. He has been an elected member of the International Statistical Institute since 2001.

The Regents now salute this distinguished teacher, scholar, and administrator by naming **Richard L. Valliant, research professor emeritus**.

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