

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir


James H. Woods, Ph.D., professor of pharmacology in the Medical School, and professor of psychology in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, retired from active faculty status on September 2, 2016.

Professor Woods received his B.S. (1959) degree from Ohio University and his M.A. (1962) and Ph.D. (1968) degrees from the University of Virginia. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as a lecturer in psychology in 1965, and was promoted to assistant professor in 1969, associate professor in 1974, and professor in 1980. He was also appointed assistant professor of pharmacology in 1970, and promoted to associate professor in 1975, and professor in 1980.

Professor Woods' research interests have been on the effects of psychoactive drugs on the behavior of rats and rhesus monkeys, with a particular interest in how drug-receptor interactions can be reflected in various behavioral measures. Many of these drugs are drugs of abuse, and he has concentrated on understanding the behavioral mechanisms of action of opioids, stimulants, and nicotine, with a hope of identifying improved drug treatments for abuse of each of these compounds. Dr. Woods published 433 peer-reviewed articles, 100 book chapters and two editions of *A Handbook on Drug and Alcohol Abuse: The Biomedical Aspects* (1992 and 2004). He has mentored dozens of graduate and postgraduate students, many of whom have gone on to successful careers in academia. Professor Woods has received numerous awards for his research, including the College on Problems of Drug Dependence's Nathan B. Eddy Memorial Award (2004) and the American Psychological Association's Brady-Schuster Award (2006).

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member for his dedicated service by naming **James H. Woods, professor emeritus of pharmacology**.

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