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Fedele and Iris Fauri Research Professor of Child and Family Services Installation Event

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PROGRAM

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

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A Letter from Dean Beth Angell

Phillip Fellin Collegiate Professor of Social Work

Dear Friends,

Thank you for joining us to celebrate the Fedele and Iris Fauri Research Professorship in Child and Family Services at the University of Michigan School of Social Work.

Fedele served as the first dean of the School of Social Work and as a professor of public welfare administration — a role he held until 1970. Under his leadership, the School experienced extraordinary growth and national recognition. The strong value that Fedele placed on acting to advance social justice was shared and reflected across their entire family. Iris, who was deeply involved in feminist activism in Ann Arbor, made space for those in need both in their home and the community. Together, Fedele and Iris formed a partnership grounded in lifting others up and modeled values that their children have continued in their own lives.

It holds special significance that Fedele and Iris' extraordinary contributions are being recognized through an endowed professorship. These honorary positions are among the most meaningful investments in the life of a university. Faculty selected for endowed professorships are recognized for their immense contributions to scholarship, teaching and community engagement, and the professorship itself helps to further and extend that work. Caring for children and families was one of the core values Fedele and Iris held. Today, we are excited to install leading child and family well-being scholar Professor Katie Maguire-Jack as the Fedele and Iris Fauri Research Professor of Child and Family Services.

Working closely with communities, service providers and policymakers, Katie's scholarship advances child and family well-being by developing and evaluating programs that strengthen economic resources, improve access to behavioral health and domestic violence services, enhance parenting knowledge, and expand social supports. We are grateful that Fedele and Iris' legacy can be carried forward through Katie's transformative scholarship.

With gratitude,
Beth



Fedele and Iris Fauri

University of Michigan School of Social Work

Fedele and Iris Fauri lived lives defined by service — quiet, steadfast and deeply rooted in the belief that when someone is struggling, you show up.

Fedele graduated from U-M in 1930 and from the U-M Law School in 1933. He began his legal career in Crystal Falls, working on rural resettlement programs that brought him face-to-face with communities in need. His expertise and integrity led him to Washington, D.C., where he worked for the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives. Though trained as a lawyer, Fedele intentionally learned formal counseling skills from social workers throughout his career.

From 1951-1970, Fedele served as the first dean of the School of Social Work and as a professor of public welfare administration. He received national awards for distinguished service and leadership in public welfare.

Fedele believed that when something needs doing, you do what's necessary to make it happen. This belief became a model for his family. While Fedele worked within institutions to create change, Iris focused on interpersonal change.

Iris was deeply involved in feminist activism. In 1966, she helped establish the Ann Arbor chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW), a major feminist organization advocating for women's rights at a time when such work required both courage and persistence. Her compassion showed itself through action. She believed in sacrifice and service.

In their Ann Arbor home, Iris made space — literally and figuratively — for those in need. The extra room in the basement became a refuge for women, often mothers with children, facing hardship. Some stayed while seeking medical care at the U-M Medical Center; others needed time, safety or simply someone who would listen. Iris offered open ears and steady support.

Together, Fedele and Iris formed a partnership grounded in lifting others up. They loved the University of Michigan and believed deeply in its mission. Their legacy is found in the countless lives they touched.





Kathryn Maguire-Jack, PhD, MSW

Fedele and Iris Fauri Research Professor of Child and Family Services and Professor of Social Work

Professor Maguire-Jack serves as the Title IV-E faculty director, director of the Child Maltreatment Prevention Lab, and associate editor for the journal Child Maltreatment.

Her scholarship advances child and family well-being by developing and evaluating programs that strengthen economic resources, improve access to behavioral health and domestic violence services, enhance parenting knowledge, and expand social supports. She focuses on the impacts of macro-level contexts on parenting, including public policies and community conditions; with a particular emphasis on understanding rural experiences.

Working closely with communities, service providers, and policymakers, Professor Maguire-Jack examines the multilevel factors that prevent child maltreatment and improve outcomes for children and families. She has published 125 peer-reviewed articles on child maltreatment, child well-being, family supports, and child welfare services.

Her scholarship has earned international recognition, including being ranked among the world's top 2% of scientists in 2024 and 2025, and among the top 20 most prolific researchers on child abuse and neglect in 2025.



About the University of Michigan School of Social Work

Since 1921, the University of Michigan School of Social Work has been a beacon of excellence for social work education, research, innovation, collaboration and service. For more than a decade, we've been honored to be ranked as the number one school of social work in the country.

The School of Social Work is home to innovative educational programs that have prepared generations of students to become social work practitioners, educators, researchers and leaders. Our MSW program includes eight curricular pathways, allowing students to focus on specific interests. The School offers two doctoral programs — the trailblazing Joint PhD program in Social Work and Social Sciences and a new PhD in Social Work and Social Welfare — and an undergraduate minor in Community Action and Social Change, which provides Michigan undergraduates with an introduction to social work.

Our faculty are leaders in social work education who provide our students with top-tier instruction — both in the classroom and in their experiential learning. As researchers, they are actively developing new solutions and innovations to address the most complex social issues of our time.

The last century of commitment, action and innovation has created an incredible impact. Our alumni can be found around the world creating change, fighting for social justice and improving lives in the communities they serve. Wherever you look, you'll find the Michigan Social Work community making a difference.

Thank you for joining us in honoring Professor Katie Maguire-Jack as the Fedele and Iris Fauri Research Professor of Child and Family Services!



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