

**The University of Michigan Genetic Counseling Training Program  
presents the 8th Annual**

# **Diane Baker Alumni Lecture**

## **“Reflections on a 40-year Journey from Genetic Counseling to Public Health Genomics”**

**Janice V. Bach, M.S., CGC**

**Manager, Genomics and Genetic Disorders Section  
Michigan Department of Health and Human Services**



In this 200th anniversary of the University of Michigan, the Genetic Counseling Program is thrilled to honor an alumna who truly represents the UM tradition of being the “Leaders and Best.” Janice Bach, MS, CGC is the 8th recipient of the Diane Baker Alumni Award.

Janice Bach received her Master’s Degree from the University of Michigan in 1979, and has the distinction of being the first graduate of the University of Michigan Genetic Counseling Program. Since the beginning of her journey, Janice has been a visionary leader who has committed her career to building a public health genomics infrastructure for the state of Michigan. She led the development of the state of Michigan’s genetics plan, which serves as a model for other states across the country. Under Janice’s effective leadership, Michigan’s public health genetics program has expanded to address genomics issues throughout the lifespan. The current scope includes birth defects, newborn screening, and chronic diseases like cancer and cardiovascular conditions. Janice currently serves as the State Genetics Coordinator and Manager of the Genomics and Genetic Disorders Section at the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

## **Monday, October 23, 2017**

### **Lecture**

### **4:00-5:00 pm 5915 Buhl Classroom**



Diane is a founding member of the Genetic Counseling Program at the University of Michigan, serving as its Director from 1990-2001. She currently serves on the Boards of The Children’s Inn and Friends of Patients at the NIH, charities serving patients in clinical trials at the National Institutes of Health. In addition, she is a volunteer court-appointed special advocate for the Juvenile Court of Montgomery County, Maryland.

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