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President Randall Eberts announces his retirement after nearly a quarter century leading the Upjohn Institute

Eberts remains at helm until a new president is in place, maintains Institute affiliation

KALAMAZOO, Mich.— The longtime head of the W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research, Dr. Randall W. Eberts, announced on Monday that he plans to retire as President of the Institute once a successor is chosen and is in place. Dr. Eberts and the Institute's Board of Trustees met recently to initiate a succession plan. Dr. Eberts, in announcing his decision to staff, noted that after nearly 25 years at the helm of the Institute, it is a good time for new leadership and that he is pleased with the Board's succession plan.

"The Institute has a long legacy and noble mission, and it makes an important difference in people's lives each and every day," Dr. Eberts said. "It is with the greatest pleasure and satisfaction that I look back on what this talented and dedicated staff has accomplished under my watch," he said. "More importantly, I believe the Institute is in an excellent position, with the staff's passion and energy, to continue the Institute's legacy of research and service for the next 25 years and beyond."

Dr. Edward Montgomery, president of Western Michigan University and former Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of Labor, praised Dr. Eberts for "his profound impact on the reputation and reach of the Upjohn Institute during his 25-year tenure. He and his team have been instrumental in improvements in the operation and effectiveness of the Unemployment Insurance System and Employment Service in Michigan and across the country helping millions of workers return to employment faster."

Dr. Eberts joined the Institute in 1993, after separate careers as an associate professor of economics at the University of Oregon and assistant vice president at the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland. He also served on the President's Council of Economic Advisers and has held numerous advisory posts. Recently, the Labor and Employment Relations Association (LERA) honored Dr. Eberts with its top award for achieving distinction as both a scholar and practitioner.

Once a successor is in place, Dr. Eberts will maintain his affiliation with the Upjohn Institute as a senior research fellow and continue his work in the community and his research on workforce and related issues.

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