

**THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN**

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**ACTION REQUEST**

January 18, 2007

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

**Takeshi Takahara, M.F.A.**, Arthur F. Thurnau Professor and professor of art in the School of Art & Design, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2006.

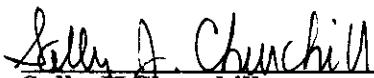
Professor Takahara received his B.A. degree from Hosei University, Japan, in 1965, and his M.A. and M.F.A. degrees from the University of Iowa in 1970 and 1971, respectively. From 1971-83, he served as a faculty member at Grand Valley State University. He joined the University of Michigan faculty in 1983 as associate professor of art and was promoted to professor of art in 1989.

Regarded as one of the finest contemporary artist-printmakers of his generation, Professor Takahara infuses his creative practice with rich and diverse cultural experiences. His work has been exhibited throughout the United States and beyond, and he is a frequent conference speaker and jurist. Professor Takahara has held artist residencies at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the Tajimi Ceramics Design and Research Center and Kyoto Seika University in Japan, and the Slade School of the Art, London, England.

Professor Takahara is an accomplished and collaborative educator who has made numerous contributions to arts education at the University. He was instrumental in developing and nurturing the School of Art & Design's first international student exchange agreement, with Kyoto Seika University in Japan. In 2005, he was named an Arthur F. Thurnau Professor in recognition of his dedication to undergraduate education.

The Regents now salute this distinguished artist and educator for his dedicated service by naming **Takeshi Takahara Arthur F. Thurnau Professor emeritus and professor emeritus of art**.

**Requested by:**

  
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**Sally J. Churchill**  
Vice President and Secretary of the University

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