

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Approved by the Regents
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Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Nicholas H. Steneck, Ph.D., professor of history in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and faculty associate in the Office of the Vice President for Research, will retire from active faculty status on May 31, 2006.

Professor Steneck received his B.S. degree from Rutgers University in 1962 and his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Wisconsin in 1969 and 1970, respectively. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as assistant professor in 1970 and was promoted to associate professor in 1976 and professor in 1983. From 1997-2002 he also held an appointment as professor of ethics in the College of Engineering.

Professor Steneck distinguished himself as a research scholar in four fields: medieval intellectual history, the history of science (both medieval and modern), the development of ethical practice in the health sciences, and the history of the University of Michigan. In each of these fields he wrote books, articles, and works of synthesis for the public, and in the pursuit of his research won significant national and international grants. He developed popular courses in these areas, and the course he taught with his wife, Dr. Margaret Steneck, on the history of the University, was a significant factor in the growth of the study of higher education on the Ann Arbor campus. Out of his course sequence on the history of science grew our substantial program in the history of the health, engineering, and physical sciences.

Professor Steneck's service extended from directing the college's Medieval and Renaissance Collegium to developing the University's programs in values and science, and he was the LS&A fulcrum in the Inteflex Program for medical education. He served as an advisor to a number of government agencies, and for part of each of the last few years he worked in Washington, D.C. in the service of the Office of Research Integrity, Department of Health and Human Services. For a number of years, Professor Steneck directed the University's Historical Center for the Health Sciences. His deep concern for historical preservation and conservation led him to become an advocate for the preservation of important historical University artifacts, including the Detroit Observatory.

The Regents salute this distinguished scholar by naming **Nicholas H. Steneck professor emeritus of history**.

Requested by:



Sally J. Churchill
Vice President and Secretary of the University

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