

# THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

## *Regents Communication*

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May 21, 2015**

### **ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

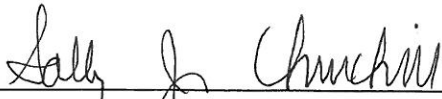
**Donald J. Sinta, M.M.**, Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, Earl V. Moore Professor of Music (Saxophone), and professor of music (saxophone), and All State Coordinator, in the School of Music, Theatre & Dance, will retire from active faculty status on May 31, 2015.

Professor Sinta received his B.S. degree from Wayne State University in 1959 and his M.M. degree from the University of Michigan in 1962. He served on the faculty of Ithaca College (1963-68) and the University of Hartford (1968-74). Professor Sinta joined the University of Michigan faculty as an associate professor in 1974, and was promoted to professor in 1978. He was appointed the Arthur F. Thurnau Professor in 1991 and the Earl V. Moore Professor of Music (Saxophone) in 1997.

Professor Sinta is a gifted soloist, dedicated clinician, and exceptional teacher. He frequently performed at leading national and international venues, commissioned and premiered numerous new works for the saxophone, and was the first elected chair of the World Saxophone Congress. Professor Sinta's recording *American Music for the Saxophone* is known throughout the world. He served many years as the director of the All-State Program at the Interlochen Center for the Arts and the Michigan Youth Ensembles Program. Professor Sinta's teaching has been described by his students as a unique combination of brilliant artistry, unflagging dedication, and continual striving for excellence. A group of talented students created an exceptional ensemble, the Donald Sinta Quartet, to honor their beloved professor and to recognize the fundamental impact he has made on their lives as artists. Professor Sinta received the School of Music, Theatre & Dance's Harold Haugh Award for excellence in teaching in 1983.

The Regents now salute this eminent artist and an exemplary teacher by naming **Donald J. Sinta, Arthur F. Thurnau Professor Emeritus and professor emeritus of music (saxophone)**.

**Requested by:**



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