## THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

## **ACTION REQUEST**

Subject:

Report of Faculty Retirement

**Action Requested:** 

**Adoption of Retirement Memoir** 

Steven N. Dworkin, Ph.D., professor of Romance linguistics and professor of linguistics in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2019.

Professor Dworkin received his B.A. (1968) degree from Carleton University, his M.A. (1969) degree from the University of Illinois, and his Ph.D. (1974) degree from the University of California, Berkeley. He served on the faculty of Arizona State University from 1975-79. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1979, and was promoted to associate professor in 1985, and professor in 1993. Professor Dworkin was chair of the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures from 1998-2003 and director of the English Language Institute from 2008-13.

Professor Dworkin taught undergraduate and graduate courses in Spanish, Romance linguistics, and linguistics. He authored three books, A Guide to Old Spanish (2018), A History of the Spanish Lexicon: A Linguistic Perspective (2012), and Etymology and Derivational Morphology: The Genesis of Old Spanish Denominal Adjectives in -ido (1985). He co-edited, with David J. Billick, the volume titled Lexical Studies of Medieval Spanish Texts: A Bibliography of Concordances, Glossaries, Vocabularies and Selected Word Studies (2<sup>nd</sup> edition, 1993) that continues to be revised and updated online. He was the author of over one hundred articles on topics in Spanish and Romance historical linguistics in leading journals, collective and homage volumes, and encyclopedias. He also regularly contributed entries to the ongoing international project, Dictionnaire Étymologique Roman. Professor Dworkin was a passionate and successful teacher with high standards who demanded superior performance and promoted a culture of cooperative learning in the Department of Linguistics and the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming Steven N. Dworkin, professor emeritus of Romance linguistics and professor emeritus of linguistics.

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