

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Lauren E. Talalay, Ph.D., associate director and curator, Kelsey Museum of Archaeology, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, will retire from active status on June 30, 2013.

Dr. Talalay received her B.A. degree from New York University in 1971, and her M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Indiana University in 1974 and 1983, respectively. She joined the University of Michigan's Kelsey Museum of Archaeology as coordinator of public programs in 1986, and was promoted to visiting curator in 1989, assistant curator in 1991, associate curator in 1994, and curator in 2004. Dr. Talalay has served as acting director on several occasions and formally as associate director since 2002.

A scholar of Aegean prehistory, Dr. Talalay authored, coauthored, and edited many notable publications including *Deities, Dolls, and Devices: Neolithic Figurines from Franchthi Cave, Greece* (1993), *Prehistorians Round the Pond: Reflections on Aegean Prehistory as a Discipline* (2005), and *Prehistory of the Paximadi Peninsula, Greece: Results from the Southern Euboea Exploration Project* (Forthcoming 2013). Dr. Talalay has spent much of her career introducing students, faculty, and the public to the classical and late antique collections in the Kelsey Museum. She orchestrated numerous exhibitions including the *Vaults of Heaven: Visions of Byzantium* and *Cavafy's World: Ancient Passions*. The latter exhibition resulted in the book "...what these Ithakas mean": *Readings in Cavafy* (2002) and was recognized by The Times Literary Supplement as one of the best books of 2002. Dr. Talalay maintained an active archaeological fieldwork program in Greece, established the Museum's docent program, installed exhibits in the Greek, Cypriote, and prehistoric galleries of the new William E. Upjohn Exhibit Wing, and organized special classes featuring the collections. A dedicated teacher and mentor, she served as a graduate advisor, offered sage advice on Ph.D. dissertation committees, and was always willing to engage students of all ages and expertise with the wonders of archaeology and the Kelsey Museum.

The Regents now salute this distinguished teacher and researcher by naming **Lauren E. Talalay curator emerita**.

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