

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

Adopted by the Regents

July 17, 2008

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Vincent E. Castagnacci, M.F.A., Arthur F. Thurnau Professor and professor of art in the School of Art and Design, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2008.

Professor Castagnacci received his B.S.Ed. degree in 1963 from Tufts University and his B.F.A. and M.F.A. degrees from Yale University in 1964 and 1966, respectively. Following service on the faculty of Old Dominion University from 1966-73, he joined the University of Michigan faculty in 1973 as an assistant professor. He was promoted to associate professor in 1977 and professor in 1983.

Professor Castagnacci's abstract work in painting, printmaking, and drawing has been centered in the principle of variational development. He has worked across these multiple media and in collaboration with musicians and composers to develop a unique visual language and means of communication. His works have been exhibited in the United States and abroad, and he has lectured and published nationally and internationally. He is the recipient of a citation and grant from the American Academy in Rome and in 2004 was recently named a Mellon Scholar at Kalamazoo College.

Professor Castagnacci is a distinguished educator who is highly respected by students and colleagues for his rigorous, challenging, and thoughtful teaching. His passion and commitment to excellence are legendary, and his leadership in the instruction of drawing and mark-making has helped build a core curriculum in the School of Art and Design. In 1999, he was named an Arthur F. Thurnau Professor in recognition of his dedication to teaching.

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

Requested by:



Sally J. Churchill, J.D.

Vice President and Secretary of the University

July 2008