

# THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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## ACTION REQUEST

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

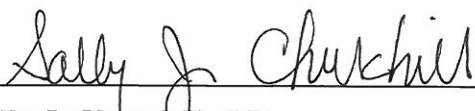
**Sadashi Inuzuka, M.F.A.**, Arthur F. Thurnau Professor and professor of art and design in the Penny W. Stamps School of Art and Design, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2014.

Professor Inuzuka received a diploma from the Emily Carr College of Art and Design in 1985 and his M.F.A. degree from the Cranbrook Academy of Art in 1987. He served on the faculty of the University College of the Fraser Valley from 1994-96. Professor Inuzuka joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1996, and was promoted to associate professor in 2001, and professor in 2007. He was named Arthur F. Thurnau Professor in 2012.

An internationally renowned ceramic, sculpture, and installation artist, Professor Inuzuka explored the relational dynamics between human activity and the natural environment. He created physically accessible sculptural works that engaged the senses, invited touch, and which welcomed people with disabilities to explore. His pioneering community engagement courses, *Many Ways of Seeing* and *Rethinking the Power of Art: Art Education for Social Change in Japan*, provided students with rich first-hand experiences of the transformative social power of art to build bridges between communities and improve people's lives. Professor Inuzuka also developed innovative drawing workshops for medical students designed to develop skills of observation and an interdisciplinary course on environmental concerns in the Great Lakes region. He created numerous solo exhibitions, was a frequent national and international invited lecturer, and received grants from the leading arts organizations including the Pew Charitable Trust, the Pollock-Krasner Foundation, and the Puffin Foundation.

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

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