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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement
Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

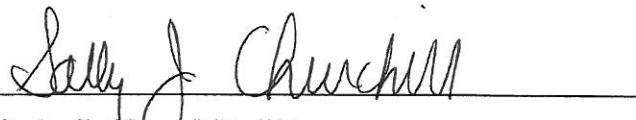
Rick L. Riolo, Ph.D., research professor, complex systems in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, retired from active faculty status on September 30, 2014.

Professor Riolo received his B.S. (1972), M.S. (1982), and Ph.D. (1988) degrees from the University of Michigan. He held numerous positions at the University of Michigan including research assistant, research associate, technical writer, systems research programmer, associate research scientist, and lecturer. Professor Riolo was appointed research professor in the Center for the Study of Complex Systems in 2012.

Professor Riolo's research applied complex systems, agent-based modeling, evolutionary computation, and genetic programming to real world problems in a variety of disciplines including biology, political science, business, epidemiology, dentistry, and physics. He served as principal investigator on numerous research grants and has published articles in the leading scholarly journals. Professor Riolo played an instrumental role in the founding of the University's Center for the Study of Complex Systems and the curriculum development for the graduate certificate in complex systems. A dedicated mentor and gifted teacher, he served on 36 dissertation committees and taught Introduction to Complex Systems and Introduction to Computer Modeling of Complex Systems.

The Regents now salute this distinguished teacher and researcher by naming **Rick L. Riolo, research professor emeritus, complex systems.**

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