

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Peter E. Hook, Ph.D., professor of Indo-Aryan languages, Department of Asian Languages and Cultures, and professor of linguistics, Department of Linguistics, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, will retire from active faculty status on December 31, 2006.


Professor Hook received his B.A. degree from Harvard University in 1964, and his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Pennsylvania in 1969 and 1973, respectively. He joined the University of Michigan faculty in 1970 as a lecturer in linguistics, and was promoted to assistant professor in 1973, associate professor in 1978, and professor in 1985. He was also appointed professor of Indo-Aryan languages in the Department of Asian Languages and Cultures in 1986.

Professor Hook's research focused mainly on the linguistics of Hindi and other Indo-Aryan languages including the classical language, Sanskrit, other modern languages such as Marathi, Kashmiri, and smaller tribal languages like Poguli. Among his significant contributions to Indo-Aryan linguistics are his studies of compound verb structures in Hindi and many studies of Indo-Aryan syntax from a historical and comparative point of view. In addition to his research publications, Professor Hook has produced teaching materials for various levels of Hindi which are used nationally.

An active teacher, Professor Hook taught undergraduate and graduate courses in Hindi and Urdu languages throughout his academic career. Besides teaching Hindi language, he taught various courses in linguistics, ranging from field methods to linguistic typology and linguistic surveys of languages from various regions of the world. He also developed a significant interest in poetry and taught courses on Asian poetry in the Department of Asian Languages and Cultures. Professor Hook participated in and chaired many dissertation committees in the Department of Linguistics.

The Regents salute this distinguished teacher and researcher by naming **Peter E. Hook professor emeritus of Indo-Aryan languages and professor emeritus of linguistics.**

Requested by:



Sally J. Churchill
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