

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

David W. Cohen, Ph.D., professor of history and professor of anthropology in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, will retire from active faculty status on December 31, 2009.

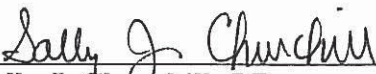
Professor Cohen received his B.A. degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1965 and his Ph.D. degree from the University of London in 1970. From 1968-93 he was a faculty member first at The Johns Hopkins University (1968-89) and then at Northwestern University (1989-93). He joined the University of Michigan faculty as professor of history and professor of anthropology in 1993.

Professor Cohen is an exceptional scholar who applies anthropological theory to interpreting historical events in Africa. He was a pioneer in the development of the interdisciplinary field of anthro-history and has a reputation among African historians as being one of the most creative scholars of Uganda and Western Kenya. He is the author or co-author of nine books and a wide range of articles. Professor Cohen was the founding director of the International Institute (1993-99), and held additional appointments as professor of social science in the Residential College (1997-2004), associate chair of the history department (2002-04), and director of the doctoral program in anthropology and history (2004-07). From 2004-09, he held the title of Lemuel A. Johnson Collegiate Professor of African History and Anthropology.

An innovative teacher, Professor Cohen taught undergraduate and graduate courses in African history, historical anthropology, cultural anthropology, ethnology, and comparative methods in historical inquiry. He supervised or co-supervised 28 doctoral dissertations and was a mentor for graduate students in history, anthropology, and the joint program in anthropology and history. In 2003 he received the John D'Arms Award for Distinguished Graduate Mentoring in the Humanities.

The Regents now salute this distinguished teacher and researcher by naming **David W. Cohen professor emeritus of history and professor emeritus of anthropology.**

Requested by:



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