

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

**Roy C. Barnes, Ph.D.**, professor of sociology in the College of Arts and Sciences, University of Michigan-Flint, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2023.

Roy Barnes received his B.A. degree (1982) in anthropology from Pomona College, his M.A. degree (1985) in sociology from Mississippi State University, and his Ph.D. degree (1995) in sociology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Professor Barnes joined the University of Michigan-Flint faculty as an assistant professor in 1996, and was promoted to associate professor in 2002, and professor in 2015. Between 2002 and 2004, Professor Barnes served as the chair of the Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice. In the summer of 2004 through June of 2013, he served as the inaugural assistant dean for the College of Arts and Sciences. Professor Barnes assumed the role of associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences in 2013, a role he served until June of 2022.

Professor Barnes is an internationally recognized scholar in the area of corporate social networks and has published and presented numerous papers on interlocking directorates. Professor Barnes has also been invited to speak at conferences and workshops around the world, including the National Institute of Advanced Science in the Netherlands, the University of Barcelona, and the Edinburgh Business School at Heriot-Watt University, Scotland. In addition to a distinguished record of teaching in the sociology program, as well as the renewed Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies Accelerated Online Degree Completion program, Professor Barnes has devoted much of his time and energies to service to his department, college and university. To protect human subjects involved in research conducted at the University of Michigan-Flint, Professor Barnes served on the university's Institutional Review Board from 2004-2015. Professor Barnes was the coordinator of general education for the University of Michigan-Flint from September 2010-2016. Currently, Professor Barnes serves as the faculty co-chair of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, a position he has held since 2022 and was the inaugural director of the Accelerated Online Degree Completion program.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Roy C. Barnes, professor emeritus of sociology**.

**Requested by:**



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