

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir


Neil M. Flax, Ph.D., associate professor of comparative literature and German, Department of Humanities, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2006.

Professor Flax received his B.A. degree from the University of Rochester in 1963, his M.A. degree from the University of California-Berkeley in 1967, and his Ph.D. degree from Yale University in 1978. He joined the University of Michigan-Dearborn as an instructor in 1977, and was promoted to assistant professor in 1978 and associate professor in 1984. From 1982-83 he was a visiting assistant professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Professor Flax's research focused on the Paris art critics of the 19th and early 20th centuries. He published on Goethe and other European romanticists in such journals as the *PMLA*, *Comparative Literature*, and *Eighteenth Century Studies*. Among the classes he taught were honors seminars on western civilization, "Introduction to Humanities," and German literature courses. Professor Flax served as the director of the Honors Program from 1987-90 and was chair of the Department of Humanities in 2003-04.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member for his dedicated service by naming **Neil M. Flax associate professor emeritus of comparative literature and German**.

Requested by:



Sally J. Churchill
Vice President and Secretary of the University

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