

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Death

Action Requested: Adoption of Memorial Statement

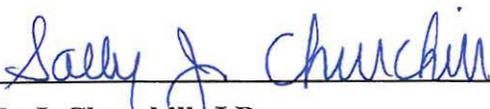
The Regents of the University of Michigan acknowledge with profound sadness the death of **William J. Linn, Ph.D.**, associate professor of English literature in the College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, University of Michigan-Dearborn. Professor Linn died on January 10, 2016.

Professor Linn received his B.A. degree from Long Island University in 1965, his M.A. degree from Hunter College of the City University of New York in 1967, and his Ph.D. degree from New York University in 1971. He joined the University of Michigan-Dearborn faculty as an assistant professor in 1979, and was promoted to associate professor in 1981. He directed the campus writing program from 1980-81.

An exceptional author, scholar, and teacher, Professor Linn specialized in creative writing, Anglo-Irish literature, and American literature. He authored three notable novels entitled *Missing in Action* (1981), *Kambi Hai* (1987), and *The People's Republic* (1989). A gifted instructor and dedicated mentor, Professor Linn taught a wide range of literature, poetry, and creative writing courses, supervised countless students pursuing independent study projects, and inspired a generation of future authors. Professor Linn also had extensive experience teaching writing and American literature at international universities. He was the recipient of three Fulbright lectureships and taught at the University of Yaoundé in Cameroon, the University of Veliko Tarnovo in Bulgaria, and the University of Ouagadougou in Burkina Faso. Professor Linn also served as a visiting professor at the Beijing Institute of Foreign Trade (1981-83) and the University of International Business and Economics in Beijing (1990-91 and 1998-99).

As we mourn the loss of our beloved colleague, we extend our heartfelt condolences to his wife Carolyn, his sons Brendan and Sean, and his many loving relatives and friends.

Requested by:



Sally J. Churchill, J.D.

Vice President and Secretary of the University

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