

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Stephen L. Darwall, Ph.D., John Dewey Distinguished University Professor of Philosophy, professor of philosophy, and director of the Honors Program, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2008.

Professor Darwall received his B.A. degree from Yale University in 1968 and his Ph.D. degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1972. From 1972-84 he was a faculty member at the University of North Carolina. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as professor of philosophy in 1984 and was named the John Dewey Collegiate Professor of Philosophy in 2003 and the John Dewey Distinguished University Professor of Philosophy in 2007.

Professor Darwall has long been a leading thinker in the foundation of ethics and the history of moral philosophy, setting the agenda in both subjects. He is the author of five books, including *The British Moralists and the Internal 'Ought':1640-1740*, which cemented his position as the world's foremost authority on the British moral philosophers, and a textbook, *Philosophical Ethics*, which is widely used throughout the world. His commitment to the University is reflected in his remarkable record of teaching and service. He often taught popular undergraduate courses in ethics, and was an effective and active graduate advisor. He twice served as chair of the Department of Philosophy (1988-93, 1999-2002) and has been director of the College of LS&A Honors Program since 2003. He is a recipient of the Julia Lockwood Award (1994-99) and the Excellence in Research Award (1997) from the College of LS&A, and received the University of Michigan Humanities Award in 1996. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and has received fellowships from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Michigan Society of Fellows. He was president of the American Philosophical Association, Central Division, in 2004-2005.

The Regents now salute this extraordinary scholar by naming **Stephen L. Darwall the John Dewey Distinguished University Professor Emeritus of Philosophy and professor emeritus of philosophy.**

Requested by:



Sally J. Churchill
Vice President and Secretary of the University

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