

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir


David L. Lewis, Ph.D., professor of business history in the Stephen M. Ross School of Business, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2008.

Professor Lewis received his B.S. degree from the University of Illinois in 1948, his M.S. degree from Boston University in 1955, and his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Michigan in 1956 and 1959, respectively. From 1956-57, he was a Fulbright Scholar at the London School of Economics and Political Science, and from 1957-65 he was employed as assistant to the president of the General Motors Corporation. He joined the University of Michigan as an associate professor in 1965 and was promoted to professor 1968.

Professor Lewis was an accomplished historian, author, and teacher of business history, including entrepreneurship and automotive history, with a special interest in the life of Henry Ford and the history of the Ford Motor Company. His bibliography includes hundreds of articles and nine books on these topics. Within the Ross School, he was director of business relations from 1965-68, editor of the Graduate School of Business Administration *Bulletin*, director of school relations from 1968-88, and chair of the school's Honors Committee from 1968-2002. Most recently, he served as the school's academic ombudsmen. His University service includes membership on the editorial board of the *Michigan Quarterly Review* and the executive committee of the University of Michigan Press. Professor Lewis was active in a number of organizations, including the Historical Society of Michigan, the American Historical Association, the Society of Automotive Historians, and Toastmasters International.

The Regents now salute this faculty member for his dedicated service by naming **David L. Lewis professor emeritus of business history**.

Requested by:



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