

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Carl Cohen, Ph.D., professor of philosophy in the Residential College, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2017.

Professor Cohen received his A.B. (1951) degree from the University of Miami, his M.A. (1952) degree from the University of Illinois, and his Ph.D. (1955) degree from the University of California, Los Angeles. He joined the University of Michigan faculty in 1955.

Professor Cohen published numerous essays on contemporary philosophical controversies, e.g.: abortion, freedom of speech, conscientious objection, human subject use, genetic engineering, organ transplantation, and the use of animals in biomedical research, in various periodicals, including *The Nation*, *The Civil Liberties Review*, *The New York Times*, *The Journal of Blacks in Higher Education*, *The Journal of the American Medical Association*, *The Texas Law Review*, *The Yale Review*, *The Michigan Review*, *Ethics*, and *The New England Journal of Medicine*. His nine books, translated into many languages, include: *Democracy* (1972); *Civil Disobedience: Conscience, Tactics, and the Law* (1971); *Naked Racial Preference* (1995); *Four Systems* (1982); *Communism, Fascism and Democracy: The Theoretical Foundations* (3rd ed., 1997), and most recently, *A Conflict of Principles: The Battle over Affirmative Action at the University of Michigan* (2014). Professor Cohen is coauthor of *The Animal Rights Debate* (with T. Regan, 2001), *Affirmative Action and Racial Preference* (with J. Sterba, 2003), and the most widely used textbook in logic around the globe, *Introduction to Logic* (with I. Copi and K. McMahon) whose 14th edition was published in 2011. He was the founder, and for ten years the director, of the Program in Human Values in Medicine at the Medical School. Professor Cohen served as chairman of the Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs, on the Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and was one of the planners and founding members of the Residential College in 1967. For many years, he was a member of the National Board of Directors of the American Civil Liberties Union, and participated as chair of its Michigan affiliate. He was also an active member of the labor panel of the American Arbitration Association, served as a consultant to the Judiciary Committee of the U.S. Senate, the Rockefeller Foundation, and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The Regents now salute this distinguished teacher and researcher by naming **Carl Cohen, professor emeritus of philosophy**.

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