

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Approved by the Regents

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Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

George J. Bornstein, Ph.D., C. A. Patrides Collegiate Professor of English and professor of English language and literature in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, will retire from active faculty status on December 31, 2006.

Professor Bornstein received his B.A. degree from Harvard University in 1963 and his Ph.D. degree from Princeton University in 1966. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an associate professor in 1970 and was promoted to professor in 1975. He was appointed the C. A. Patrides Collegiate Professor of English in 1995.

Professor Bornstein is one of the most distinguished and admired scholars of modernism in his generation. His decades of devotion to the study of the literature and culture of the later 19th and the first half of the 20th centuries, highlighted by his energetic teaching, tireless advising, work at conferences, service to the profession and his prolific publication record, have furthered scholars' understanding of an extraordinarily wide range of topics in the field of literary studies. He made Michigan a congenial, challenging, and productive center for students of modernism—whether they were undergraduates, graduate students, colleagues, or distinguished faculty from institutions around the world. His many former students, now teachers and scholars themselves, are continuing to shape the study of twentieth-century literature, profiting by his training and his example.

In his courses and publications, Professor Bornstein has always encouraged students and readers to cross intellectual, historical, and methodological boundaries, whether it be to bring Romantic and Modern poets into conversation with one another, to combine editorial theory with incisive interpretive approaches to poetry and prose, or to rethink questions of the social and aesthetic constructions of race and ethnicity in the light of a deeply historicized characterization of modernism. He has edited 12 books and is the author of 7 scholarly monographs and 50 articles and reviews. Professor Bornstein has lectured throughout the United States, Ireland, England, and Germany. His service to the department, the college, and the University has been invaluable.

The Regents salute this distinguished scholar by naming **George J. Bornstein professor emeritus of English language and literature.**

Requested by:



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