

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Fernando Coronil, Ph.D., professor of anthropology and professor of history in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2008.

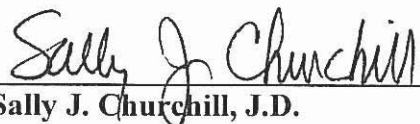
Professor Coronil received his B.A. degree from Stanford University in 1967 and his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Chicago in 1970 and 1987, respectively. He joined the University of Michigan faculty in 1988 as a fellow in the Michigan Society of Fellows. He was appointed assistant professor of anthropology and assistant professor of history in 1991, and was promoted to associate professor in 1997 and professor in 2008.

Professor Coronil's research has focused on Latin American history, politics, and economics in a context of globalization. His initial work, an ethnography of the Venezuelan state, focused on Venezuela's inner workings and its setting in a global politics of oil; subsequent studies included the Chávez regime and the attempted coup of April 2002. Other areas of research included the cultural and political history of Cuba up to the 1959 revolution, and explorations on the linked themes of postcolonialism and globalization, especially as seen from a Latin American perspective. He has produced innovative works on imperialism and political violence and is a major figure in anthropology and in the history of modern Latin America.

Professor Coronil's teaching was spread across four units: anthropology, history, the interdepartmental program in anthropology and history, and Latin American and Caribbean Studies. He served as director of the Joint Doctoral Program in Anthropology and History in 2007 and as director of the Latin American and Caribbean Studies Program in the International Institute from 2003-07. In each unit he contributed essential, academically rigorous courses to the curriculum at all levels, including the innovative, year-long core graduate seminar in anthropology and history which he helped to found. He worked with an impressive number of graduate students and was a highly-valued colleague. His presence in international arenas as a commentator on public issues, and his continuing engagement with colleagues in Latin America, the United States, and Europe, made him a model of engagement outside the academy.

The Regents salute this distinguished teacher and researcher by naming **Fernando Coronil professor emeritus of anthropology and professor emeritus of history**.

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