

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

James W. Brown, Ph.D., professor of mathematics, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, University of Michigan-Dearborn, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2011.

Professor Brown received his A.B. degree from Harvard University in 1955, and his A.M. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Michigan in 1958 and 1964, respectively. He joined the University of Michigan-Dearborn faculty as an instructor in 1962, and was promoted to assistant professor in 1964. From 1966-68, he was an assistant professor at Oberlin College. He returned to the University of Michigan-Dearborn as an associate professor in 1968, and was promoted to professor in 1971.

Professor Brown was a member of the University of Michigan Research Club, Sigma Xi, the American Mathematical Society, and the Mathematical Association of America. He received a National Science Foundation Research Grant in 1969, the University of Michigan-Dearborn Distinguished Teaching Award in 1976, and the Distinguished Faculty Award from the Michigan Association of Governing Boards of Colleges and Universities in 1983. Professor Brown has refereed numerous articles for the American Mathematical Society, the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics, and McGraw-Hill Book Company, and was an editorial consultant for *Mathematical Reviews* from 1971-84. With R.V. Churchill, he co-authored two textbooks, *Complex Variables and Applications* (7th edition, 2004) and *Fourier series and Boundary Value Problems* (7th edition, 2008), which have been translated into Greek, Chinese, Japanese, Turkish, and Arabic. Professor Brown has served on executive committees, the faculty senate, the University of Michigan-Dearborn graduate board, the campus grants committee, the departmental recruiting committee, and the Applied Mathematics Committee.

The Regents now salute this dedicated and accomplished teacher and scholar by naming **James W. Brown professor emeritus of mathematics**.

Requested by:



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