THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Barry A. Bogin, Ph.D., William E. Stirton Professor of Anthropology and professor of anthropology, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, University of Michigan-Dearborn, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2007.

Professor Bogin received his B.A., M.A., and Ph.D., degrees from Temple University in 1971, 1973, 1977, respectively. Prior to joining the University of Michigan-Dearborn, he served as an assistant professor at Wayne State University, was a Latin American Teaching Fellow at the Universidad del Valle de Guatemala in Guatemala City, a visiting professor at the University of Coimbra in Portugal, the University of Buenos Aires, the National School of Anthropology and History in Mexico City, and the Technical University of Lisbon. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1982, and was promoted to associate professor in 1985 and professor in 1990.

Dr. Bogin’s theoretical work and research is deeply rooted in both empirical and applied work, and has both political impact and popular appeal. He has studied growth, health, and nutrition among Mayan children in Guatemala, and in 1992 compared those children to Guatemalan Mayan immigrant children in the United States. He has published in more than 100 books, articles, chapters, and popular essays, and was invited to lecture across the United States, Europe, Latin America, Japan, and South Africa.

Professor Bogin is a popular and highly effective teacher with a wide range of courses in anthropology, and has engaged many undergraduates in his research and publications. He served as chair of the Department of Behavioral Sciences from 1998-2001, received the Distinguished Research Award in 1993, the Distinguished Teaching Award in 1998, and the Distinguished Faculty Award from the Michigan Association of Governing Boards in 1999. In 2004, the University of Michigan-Dearborn bestowed on him its highest honor by appointing him the William E. Stirton Professor.

The Regents now salute this distinguished educator for his dedicated service by naming Barry A. Bogin professor emeritus of anthropology.

Requested by:

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