

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement
Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Roland J. Wiley, Ph.D., professor of music (musicology) in the School of Music, Theatre & Dance, will retire from active faculty status on May 31, 2012.

Professor Wiley received his B.A. degree from Stanford University in 1963, and his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Harvard University in 1970 and 1974, respectively. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1974, and was promoted to associate professor in 1980, and professor in 1991.

Professor Wiley is an outstanding musicologist and world-renowned historian of dance. His book, *Tchaikovsky: A Life and Works* (The Master Musician Series, Oxford University Press, 2009) was named one of the best books of 2009 by *The Washington Post*. He represented the school at many national and international venues, and was a production consultant for revivals of Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker* and *Swan Lake*, mounted by the Royal Ballet, Covent Garden, London, which are still in repertoire after 27 and 25 years, respectively.

Within the Department of Musicology, Professor Wiley taught courses ranging from the core curriculum to doctoral seminars. From 1986-94, he served as director of graduate studies, and in 1998 he was interim department chair. Professor Wiley was a highly-respected doctoral advisor whose devotion to the highest standards of scholarly writing helped to build and affirm the core values of the school's Ph.D. program; many of his students have gone on to successful careers in music and academia. Professor Wiley's awards include an Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship in the Humanities from Harvard University (1978-79), two American Council of Learned Societies awards (1983 and 1986), a John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Fellowship in the Humanities (1984-85), a National Endowment for the Humanities fellowship (1988-89), and Rackham's John H. D'Arms Faculty Award for Distinguished Graduate Mentoring in the Humanities (2003).

The Regents now salute this exceptional scholar and teacher by naming **Roland J. Wiley professor emeritus of music (musicology)**.

Requested by:



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