

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

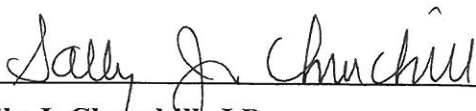
Edward L. Parmentier, M.F.A., Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, professor of music (harpsichord), and director of the Early Music Ensemble in the School of Music, Theatre & Dance, will retire from active faculty status on May 31, 2015.

Professor Parmentier received his B.A. degree from Princeton University in 1969, his M.A.T. degree from Harvard University in 1970, and his M.F.A. degree from Princeton University in 1974. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an instructor in 1976, and was promoted to lecturer in 1980, assistant professor in 1984, associate professor in 1987, and professor in 1994. He was appointed the Arthur F. Thurnau Professor in 2002.

A distinguished recitalist, soloist, lecturer, and master teacher, Professor Parmentier is a widely known harpsichordist with an extensive list of notable performances and recordings. He has appeared frequently in ensemble settings as a continuist and concerto soloist. Professor Parmentier also conducted modern instrument chamber orchestras in performances of Baroque and classical repertory. His exceptional collection of recordings includes works from Johann Sebastian Bach, Arcangelo Corelli, George Frideric Handel, Domenico Scarlatti, and Antonio Vivaldi. Professor Parmentier was an extraordinary, generous, intensely stimulating and demanding teacher who achieved amazing results with his unique style of teaching. He had a natural instinct for procedure which challenged students to develop independent, critical, and probing musical minds. Within the boundaries of acceptable taste and judgment, he encouraged a wide latitude of possibilities. Professor Parmentier was interested in shared musical adventures, and the remarkable success and commitment of many of his former students attest to the efficacy of his pedagogy.

The Regents now salute this renowned national and international performer and exemplary teacher by naming **Edward L. Parmentier, Arthur F. Thurnau Professor Emeritus and professor emeritus of music (harpsichord)**.

Requested by:



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