

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

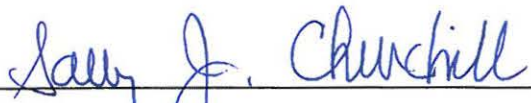
Diane Owen Hughes, Ph.D., associate professor of history in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, will retire from active faculty status on May 31, 2016.

Professor Owen Hughes received her A.B. (1963) degree from Mount Holyoke College and her M.A. (1965) and Ph.D. (1967) degrees from Yale University. She served on the faculties of Amherst College, McMaster University, and the University of Toronto. She joined the University of Michigan faculty as an associate professor in 1983.

Professor Owen Hughes studied the cultural history of Europe's late medieval and early modern times, particularly in Italy. Her carefully crafted articles, published in the most revered journals of historical and anthropological studies, have become touchstones in several fields, including women's studies, semiotics, family history, and cultural history. Some probed the meaning of visible signs pre-modern people bore on their bodies, and inaugurated a more anthropological history many sought to replicate; others revealed the riches Mediterranean archives hold for scholars of marriage and domesticity. They are widely and constantly cited, translated, republished and discussed. Her co-authored, comparative monograph on different constructions of time enjoyed similar success, showing how pre-modern Asians, Americans, and Europeans imagined and inflected chronology. Professor Owen Hughes taught celebrated surveys of medieval European and Renaissance history, courses on pre-modern gender and women's history, on religion and religiosity, and on urban culture and economics. A famed graduate mentor, she launched many brilliant academic careers and was recognized by her grateful students with a 2012 conference in her honor. Professor Owen Hughes completed fellowships at several distinguished institutions, including at Cornell University, Harvard University, Princeton University, and the University of Pennsylvania.

The Regents now salute this distinguished teacher and researcher by naming **Diane Owen Hughes, associate professor emerita of history**.

Requested by:



Sally J. Churchill, J.D.
Vice President and Secretary of the University

May 2016